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East Meets West In Ryukyus

Stamp For Schools' Elevation In Status

A special 10c stamp was issued December 31 to commemorate the Institution of Pirivena Universities in Ceylon. It will remain on sale until May 31, 1960, or until stocks are exhausted, whichever is the earlier. During this period the sale of the corresponding denomination in the current series of stamps will be suspended.



The stamp depicts the universities of Vidyodaya Pirivena on the left and Vidyalankara Pirivena on the right. Vignettes of their founders—Ven. Hikkaduwé Sri Sumangala Nayaka Thero and Ven. Ratmalane Sri Dharmaloka Nayaka Thero—are inset above each building. University status was conferred on these two institutions January 1, according to the Crown Agents Representative, Washington, D. C.

Nan Kashu Japanese Chapter Active Again

After a dormant period covering the past two years, the Nan Kashu Chapter of the Japanese-American Philatelic Society has resumed activity, according to secretary Rosalie Garlock. The group is the Southern California branch of the parent organization.

Sune Johnson and Dr. Donald Polhemus are the new president and vice president, respectively. Meetings are held at 2:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of each month at the homes of various members.

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An Outline Of First Ryukyuan Provisional Regulars; FDC's Given No Extra Considerations

When the Government of the Ryukyu Islands issued the order for new postage stamps in U.S. currency, in September 1958 the Stamp Advisory Committee of the Postal Administration decided that a simple design would best suit the situation. Artists Adaniya and Isagawa, two members of the committee, were commissioned to design the new set. They decided on a stylized design depicting a dollar sign over the yen sign with the value superimposed and Ryukyu Yubin across the lower right.

The Asahido Printing Works won the contract for printing the whole issue. Printing plates were made by the Koshun Printing Shop from photographs of the designs prepared by the "Okinawa Times" press. Two plates were made for each value from 1/2c to 10c and one each for the three higher denominations. The original \$1 plate was never

used and another was made for printing this value. The original run of 4c stamps was completely burned and a new batch printed up. The two plates each were used in printing the 1/2, 2, 3, 5 and 10c values.

All values were issued without gum. Colors vary widely and their relative scarcity is as yet unknown.

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The written history of the Kingdom of the Ryukyus begins with 1187. It achieved a high degree of civilization and had cordial diplomatic relations with Peking in 1350. It enjoyed a golden era circa 1477 and no doubt had a "Ma-chan" postal system like the government courier services in China, Japan and Korea. It issued its first coins in 1655; previously, it had used Chinese, Japanese, Korean and other copers.

Commander Perry arrived there in 1853 and concluded a treaty with the Kingdom in 1854. In the course of Japan's rise to power, that nation took over the government of the islands and made Okinawa a prefecture of the Japanese Empire in 1879.

As a result of World War II, the United States took possession of the islands in 1945. With the cessation of hostilities, independent U. S. civil governments were set up in the four main island groups of Amami-Oshima, Okinawa, Miyako, and Yae-yama. Each had its own postal system.

Mail service was limited to within the four groups and Japan. Each of these postoffices made its stamps by overprinting Japanese stamps and postal stationery with small hand-stamps. They also printed postal stationery locally.

Okinawa led the others in postal matters. It was the first to print stamps (in 1948) and initiated international airmail service the same year. For U. S. personnel, APO's came ashore with the landing forces and continue to operate to this day.

The return to normalcy called for a unification of the administration of the Ryukyu Islands. This was begun in 1950 with the organization of a provisional government of the Ryukyus and a unification of the postal facilities of the four island groups into a single system with one set of rates and postal adhesives.

This was marked by the issuance of a regular set of stamps in 1950 as well as the Crown postal stationery. This action also brought Ryukyus issues into the Universal Postal Union through U. S. membership in this organization. This was under the same section of the law which permits the use of Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and Guam stamps.

Although there had been several minor territorial revisions, the reversion of the Amami-Oshima group of islands to Japan in 1953 is significant to philatelists because this removed one of the original four island group postoffices.

During all this time (1945-1958), the sole legal tender throughout the islands was military script for U. S. personnel and U. S. Military B-yen for the Ryukyuan. The rate was stabilized at 120 yen to \$1 with the formal organization of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands.

This is an all-Ryukyuan government functioning alongside the U. S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands. It is given broad powers, but with the final decisions still in the hands of U. S. authorities.

A postal advisor in USCAR oversees all postal operations including the fixing of rates and the issuance of stamps. The Northwest Airlines, Japan Air Lines and the Ryukyu Air Lines have been authorized to carry mail. APO mail is carried by the armed services and is treated as domestic mail.

In April 1958, U. S. personnel ceased using military certificates and began using regular American currency and coins. Actually, the U. S. penny had been in circulation all the time as there is no 1c certificate. In September 1958, the Ryukyuan also ceased using B-yen and converted to regular U. S. currency and coins so that U. S. money is now used by everyone throughout the islands, just as in the Canal Zone.

This called for a general overhaul of the postal rate structure. All yen stamp issues were demonetized in a matter of a few days and taken off sale. A single provisional set in U. S. currency was hurriedly printed.

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This special issue on the Ryukyu Islands and other Far East areas
has been especially prepared by IRSACS to mark its tenth anniversary,
which was the first of this month, and to thank Linn's for their kind in-
terest over the years. Special issues of Linn's on the Ryukyus in the
course of the past decade now form an invaluable fund of research ma-
terial for the student of Ryukyus specialization.

IRSACS In Operation

During the past year there has been increased interest among U.S.
collectors in the Ryukyus because American currency has been the offi-
cial medium of exchange there since September 1958. Although there are
no distinctive markings on the coins or currency used in the Ryukyus
(such as Hawaii overprints), the currency change does bring the Ryukyus
into the charmed circle of U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam, and similar col-
lecting. As does the United Nations, the Ryukyus Government has its
own stamps, but uses U.S. currency and operates through the U.S. postal
system.

The premier group engaged in the study of Ryukyuan stamps is the
International Ryukyu Stamp and Coin Society. In addition to keeping spe-
cialists posted on Ryukyus philately, the society fosters interest of the
Ryukyus among philatelists.

Through the kind interest of James Negus, who wrote up and present-
ed the collection, IRSACS was able to submit a comprehensive refer-
ence collection of the Ryukyu Islands this year to the Royal Philatelic
Society of London. On formal acceptance of the collection, the Honorable
President of the Society, Ewart Gerrish, wrote a most gracious letter of
appreciation.

IRSACS regularly publishes a bulletin to keep specialists informed.
Subscription to this bulletin is \$2 and is open to the general public. In
the past, several excellent research papers have been prepared by spe-
cialists and the staff of IRSACS.

These include long articles entitled, "The 10 Yen Surcharge", "Tai-
wan Revenues", "Ryukyus Postal Stationery", "New Ryukyus Special-
ist", "Ryukyus FDC", "50 Sen III Print", and "Postal History of the
Japanese Occupation of North China". A very extensive source of infor-
mation is the "Checklist of the Stamps and Coins of the Ryukyus".

IRSACS works closely with Minkus Publications in the preparation of
the Ryukyu Islands section of the American Stamp Catalog which is the
only catalog now carrying a listing of Ryukyu postal stationery.

All these publications are available for a nominal sum through the
Service Department of IRSACS. This operation was set up in the early
days when dealers carried little or no stock of Ryukyus and would-be
collectors had no place to buy or sell.

Although the entry into the field of several large wholesale and re-
tail dealers has obviated any need for this service, the department still ex-
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research of the Ryukyus are highly appreciated.

During year-long preparations for this special issue of Linn's on the
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Nakamoto, and Messrs. Isamu Maeshiro, James Negus, Julius Weiss,
Col. Irvine H. Marshall, J. S. Strelak and numerous others.

Various members of the IRSACS staff and other interested specialists
are working on special studies of various stamps. Their results will be
published in the form of monographs. The current big effort is being
exerted toward getting out a popular Ryukyu album in the near future.
This will be a quality job, with ample space for those who wish to collect
beyond the ordinary single mint and used copies.

POLPEX 1960 In Chicago March 4-6

The 1960 annual exhibition and bourse of the Polonus Philatelic Society of Chicago, Ill. will be held March 4-6 in that city's Polish Roman Catholic Union Museum, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. It will bear the established name of "POLPEX 1960".

The affair is open only to members of the organization. Entries close February 20, or sooner if available space becomes exhausted. Otherwise, usual exhibition regulations will apply. Full details are available from Roman H. Strzelecki, 1439 N. Bell Ave., Chicago 22, Ill.

The theme of the affair will be dual, noting both the centennial of Poland's first postage stamp and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ignace Jan Paderewski, famous pianist and patriot. At stake will be many prizes, headed by the Polonus Philatelic Society Grand Award, the President's Award and the Kozakiewicz Research Award.

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The next meeting will be held January 13, and all interested stampers in the area are urged to attend. They should take along their albums and especially some "swap-pin's", according to Bruce A. Beardsley of the club. He can be reached at 1550 Marsh Ave., Reno, Nev. for further details.

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MINT BRITISH COLONIALS

Aden 63-64 Revised Const'n	.30	Football issue	.65	O107 '95-'96 Self	.12
Aden Type 52 Indigo Blue Commonwealth	.13	Prince Phillip	.06	Gov't	.30
Australia 314 1p dull violet	.04	U. N. Trusteeship	.80	J1-J5 Dues	.40
316-3d bluish green	.07	Grenada \$2.50 Cypher charge	1.90	Norfolk 23-24 3p, 2/- new vals.	.34
317-3 1/2 dark green	.07	India 316-319 1r to 10r	5.15	Pakistan O53-1	1.25
318-4p carmine	.08	320 Pal	.08	Hi Service (9)	1.35
319-5d dark blue	.09	321 Nurse-Child	.08	O62 Hi Service 5R	1.35
320-2 1/2 flax flo.	.32	322 Childrens Day	.08	Red Cross	.25
321-2 1/2 Wattle	.35	323 Exhibition, Gate	.08	Pitcairn 31 4d	.08
323-3 1/2 Waratah	.45	324 Philanthropist	.08	Rhodesia-Nyasaland New Q. E set 158-161	7.65
324-4p Mail	.08	325 Labor	.08	St. Helena 156-158	7.65
325-4p Queensland	.08	C137-O146-all new wmk.	.50	East India Co.	.35
326-9p brown, black	.14	O147-O150 (3) Hi vals new wmk	4.60	Singapore 43-48 a "sleeper"	.70
5d Christmas Com.	.08	310, 313, 314, 15, 50, 75	.50	Malaya 279-282 H.R.	.25
All above of Australia used at same price.		Ireland 171, 172	.30	283-285 Parliament	.25
Bahamas 174-177 Cent.	.30	Kenya Uganda 106-108	5.90	Kedah 94 Sultan	.08
Basutoland 1ap. Q.E. provis.	.25	15c set added	.10	95-105 new cpl. set	3.90
Bermuda 168-6p Q.E.	.12	Q.E. New Officials to 1pd.	7.35	Sudan Army Revolt	.85
169-174 Sea Venture	.65	Kuwait 140-151 to 10R (12)	5.90	Trans Jordan 348-351 H. Rts.	.50
Burma Mandalay Centenary	.85	Malta 272-274 3rd Geo. Cross	.25	352-367 New Set cpl. C16-C20 Ahrs, new wmk.	5.55
Canada 383 Silver Dart	.08	Nepal 103 Elections	.05	Turks-Caicos 135-136 Con'sn	.25
384 Nato	.08	104-118 U.P.U.	1.85	Union of Africa 219 Academy	.08
385 Women of World	.08	Admission	.06	Antarctic	.06
386 Royal Visit	.08	119 Parliament	.10	206 1st color variety	.04
387 Seaway	.08	New Zealand 319	.10	Great Britain All wmk type 322 new	2.00
388 Plains of Abra.	.08	320 Nelson	.07	353-370 (16)	35.00
Cayman Is. 151-2 Constitution	.25	323-325 Hawkes	.26	358a, 360a (16)	.35
Ceylon 340-345	.75	326 Jamboree	.07	358b pair coils	6.35
346-356	5.60	327-329 Marlborough	.26	371-374 4 H. Vals.	6.35
Phil 163 4/- Parrot	.65	B56 Red Cross	.08	375 3p due	.07
Ghana 36 1/4 Lincoln	.65	B57-B58 Health	.12		
39-4a Imperf. sheet	3.75	B57a-B58a Souvenir sheets	.70		
42-45 2nd Anniv.	.65				
46-47 Freedom Day	.18				
15 vals. new defl.	4.25				

1959 CHECK LIST U.A.R. EGYPT—SYRIA

1959 U. A. R.—EGYPT	Scott #	55, 200m	1.35	21 2 1/2p new val.	.05
27-28 Human Rights	.50	Cairo Museum	.08	22 Army Day	.26
29 Cairo University	.10	Nov. 18th	.08	5p Letter Day opt.	.07
30 Afro-Asian Youth	.10	C2, 3, 4, Air Mails	.30	Emigrants	.40
31 Coat of Arms, Egypt	.10	5, 15, 60	.30	50p Refinery	.25
32 Nile Hilton Hotel	.10	B2 Post Day	.10	15p, 70 opt. U.A.R.	.35
33 Globe, Telegraph	.10	O1-2 2 Officials	.25	5p Damascus Fair	.17
34 United Arab States	.10	HI Queen Nefertiti, surch., 5			

Host of Bargains, Specials, Close Outs, Etc.

TEN DOLLAR SENSATION LOT

Time once again has come for us to DISPOSE of all our odds and ends that we have gathered together in the past years of buying lots, Dealers Stocks, Estates, Close Outs, Collections of all types. This BARGAIN is purely for the general collector who likes to fool with stamps, by sorting, trading, selling, and adding to their collection.

This bargain lot contains all types of stamps, broken sets, used, unused, British Cols., 19th, 20th Century, better grade items with faults, approval cards, loose stamps, album pages, etc., etc. Each lot varies a great degree who knows what each lot contains exactly.

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GENERAL LOTS SPECIALLY PRICED FOR CLEARANCE

EGYPT 75 stamps mostly used Incls. few faults, Dups., plus paper folds, water mark Var., Etc. Betw. 1-48 Cat. 161.00+ a good buy atNET 20.00

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CYPRUS 10 Diff. 35 stamps, 19th Cent. ★ (C) Incls. some faults Cat. 25.00NET 4.50

PANAMA 94 stamps, 17 used, Incls. errors, inverted, doubles, unlisted items Betw. 1888-1906. A fine lot of interesting items Cat. Val. on part of the lot is \$64.00 plus all the unlisted errorsNET 25.00

COLLECTOR, DEALER, TRADER Lot balance in 9 sales books about 450 stamps Cat. Val. Approx. \$175.00. A fair group Incls. British, well a little of most everythingNET 20.00

FRANCE (C) 40 stamps Betw. 1-62 few Dups. all with faults more or less many are fine looking and sound but for margins. Cat. Val. \$201.00NET 20.00

HAWAII Bet. 1-101 used and unused up to 5 of each. Cats. \$114.00 few faults Cat. 15.00

HAWAII Bet. 102-178 used and unused up to 5 of each. Cats. \$33.00NET 5.00

NEWFOUNDLAND Misc. about 1880-1910. Cats. \$30.00 50 stamps pairs etc. NET 4.50

GERMANY LOCALS 183 items mostly stuck down still a fine groupNET 9.00

HUNGARY Misc. about 500 stamps up to 5 or so on some 1880 to 1920 Good for cancels etc.NET 5.00

SPAIN AND COLS. Misc. all older items many Dups. about 570 stamps some high Cat.NET 6.00

ARGENTINE 19th Century about 100 Diff. few shades plus some cut Sq. a fair buy atNET 9.50

NETHERLANDS 1852-1872 16 Diff. mostly faults or cut close Cats. \$63.00 NET 7.00

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CHILE Misc. lot about 270 stamps used and unused. Mostly 1860-1910 should prove to Cat. highNET 1.00

FINLAND Bet. 1875-1900 Approx. 75 stamps about 30 Diff. few early not counted and few locals Cat. Val. \$60.00+NET 11.00

BRAZIL Mostly used older items 1890-1920 in quantity up to 50 or so some early airs and a few Comms. This lot Cats. very high for the priceNET 18.00

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BRITISH COLS. Balance in 4 sales books used and unused mostly fine or better total Cat. Val. 289.00NET 40.00

BRITISH COLS. Misc. balance of lot mounted Incls. better items mostly fine used and unused Cats. \$315.00+ should work out well atNET 50.00

BRITISH HONDURAS 16 Diff. 34 stamps mostly all with small faults Cats. \$53.00NET 5.00

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A REAL SPECIAL ON DATED REVENUE. ALL ARE PUNCHED OR CUT CANCELS STILL OFFERED AT 1/2 TO 1/3 OF THE RETAIL PRICE OF SUCH

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R580 \$ 30.00 VAL.	3.25	5.00	1.25
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R582 \$ 60.00 VAL.	8.25	15.00	3.50
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ALL SHEETS ARE F-VF UNLESS MARKED OTHER WISE.

	Cat. Net	Val. Price
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IRAQ ★ 141a	20.00	13.00
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BRAZIL ★ 640	20.00	7.00
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★ C50a-b	5.00	4.75
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Feder and large sheet		
San. \$100.00 Special	15.00	
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BELGIAN EAST AFRICA & CONGO		
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CHILE 1853-1900 balance of collection 103 stamps used and unused, includes shades, diagonal half in pair with full stamp, few with 4 margins, but generally VG to Fine. Cat. Val. is over \$700.00 plus some envelope stamps a real close outNET 50.00

SECONDS

THIS GROUP PRICED TO SELL OUT AUSTRALIA (C) 54 18 copies mostly with small or minor faults Cat. \$45.00NET 5.00

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Price 550.00

SCOTT #553

Full sheets 100 stamps imperf. no gum, also a dry printing, the plate number is visible has one large crease plus normal paper wrinkles, very odd and unusual to be found in full sheets.

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SCOTT #554

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SCOTT #560

Full sheet 100 stamps imperf with gum, also a dry printing shows plate number plus gutter and one half of the stamps on next row of other sheet a fine rare item, some things on back, also a large tear from sheet being folded, still a top item for U. S. collection.

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AUSTRIA B87, 88, 89, 91	
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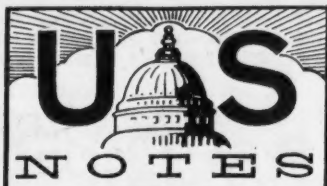
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In the January 11 Notes I mentioned an item in the Buffalo Evening News to the effect that Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski had requested the Post Office Department to prepare a commemorative stamp which in turn would be released in Buffalo, N.Y. When this appeared, I suggested that as the lay press does in matters philatelic, it probably hadn't gotten the full story, or had gotten it inaccurately.

That seems to be the case for I have a telegram from Rep. Dulski to the effect he did not ask for a comm. His request was only that Buffalo be considered as the first day city for one of the stamps on the 1960 program.

His statement will be taken at 100% value. There have been times in the past when influential persons did cause stamps to be issued which had little or no national or historical significance.

1. Four commemorative airmails were released in 1959. Name them.
2. What animal life (birds, animals or fish) can be seen on the Soil Conservation comm. of 1959?

Questions relative to the Design Derby have come from readers, answers to which might be of interest to all. The first asks why the additions to the Liberty Series for regular postage, and the 15c airmail were not included in the list of stamps to be voted upon.

Usually, the voters paid little heed to them, besides which many suggested that balloting be confined to the commemoratives. On an occasion or so, a regular has found favor to the extent that it got as high as the first half dozen, but on the whole the category was ignored. Now that we are getting increasingly better designs for the special issues, the others stand little chance.

A second question was to the effect that we divide the Derby into candidates printed in one color, and those in more than one. As I wrote when the polls were opened in the January 4 edition, we have to take the 1959 (or any other year's issues) just as they were produced. They have to stand on their own. The fact that a stamp is in several colors is no guarantee of its being a superior design. Take for instance the horrible Geophysical Year. It was not at the top of the heap, and was beneath some one-color issues.

Let's just vote on what we have, and keep the contest uncomplicated. There's a ballot on this page for your use. We also invite clubs to send a stamped, addressed envelope for ballots they would use for their programs. Just say how many.

It seems that there is an increasing interest in the philately of the Ryukyu Islands, to which the greatest part of the reading matter of this edition is devoted. I believe it comes about because the United States established itself there when the islands were won from the Japanese in World War II, and because they have been placed under the trusteeship administration of the U.S. by the United Nations.

The stamps aren't especially pretty, although the designs of about half are quaint to our eyes. There is a reliable philatelic agency in operation, the address of which is on another page, this edition. Service is good, plus which FDC's are handled. It's an area which might have appeal to you inasmuch as there aren't too many stamps to catch up on at the moment, and it doesn't take a fat pocketbook to enjoy the Ryukyus.

Last November in New York for the ASDA Show I dropped in to the Collectors Club (of which I am a member) for a "grand" tour of the premises. Guidance was provided by Henry M. Goodkind. Mr. Goodkind is a fellow editor ("The Collectors Club Philatelist"), a member of the Club's board of directors, plus being a very good acquaintance.

Philately never had it so good! Beautiful and well arranged meeting rooms are host to more than thirty separate clubs which use the

CC for their monthly meetings. There is a library which occupies practically all of one floor devoted strictly to philatelic literature. It has a number of the known rare books, kept under lock, of course, but immediately available to members and students. It also has nearly every publication devoted to the hobby including the stamp papers.

The books, excluding the rarities, are mailed to members for a definite period, so they can carry forth on some study that interests them at the moment. Further information on the hobby is available at the regular meetings of the CC where speakers present not only lectures, but further display subject material in the well-lighted and ultra-modern wall display frames just recently installed. Meetings are usually full up, too, and often, standing room only.

On the premises of the Club is the Philatelic Foundation. This organization is devoted mostly to the expertization of stamps and other philatelic items submitted to it for inspection and an opinion. It has a "board" of specialists, individual members of which might first thoroughly inspect a "patient", after which their opinions accompany it for consideration by the entire group of experts.

Use is made of the reference collections owned by the Foundation and the Collectors Club, reference data accumulated over the years along with photographs of everything on which the Foundation passed an opinion, and various pieces of equipment. All these plus personal knowledge are invaluable tools.

The Foundation does not claim to

be correct in each of its opinions rendered about patients submitted to it. It is approximately 98 per cent of the time. If at some future date it receives information about a stamp, for instance, that indicates a previously rendered evaluation was not correct, a new Certificate is sent to the owner with the new data.

It usually takes thirty days most of the time for the Foundation personnel to render a decision. There have been cases where difficult pieces, perhaps of Britain, her Colonies or the Dominions, have been sent to the Royal Philatelic Society of London for inspection. Perhaps to Australia or to the Philatelic Club of Brazil, etc. In any event, an attempt is made to make use of the foremost knowledge on the subject either in the United States or elsewhere.

Items submitted come to Miss Ethel Harper who is a pretty sharp philatelist herself. She has a keen memory, an asset which has enabled her on a number of occasions to cut preliminary work of an expertization by as much as 80 per cent. She is the only one who knows who owns the material to be inspected. On receipt, each is given a number which follows it through all channels, and which is its only identification.

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Inside, on page two is a brief discussion of the theme "Liberty For All", while on the third page are spaces for a single stamp and for a first day cover to be provided by the collector.

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Except for highly specialized material, the world stamp market centers around New York City. Thus, at the American Stamp Dealers' Assn. ASDA show there in November, the future of Ryukyus issues was the subject of much discussion.

With the change-over to U.S. money throughout the islands, alert dealers saw a possibility that U.S. collectors would soon be going after these issues. The Ryukyus postal system has always been an adjunct of the U.S. postal system, a fact which the Universal Postal Union has recognized since the Ryukyus began issuing regular stamps.

The Ryukyus postal system has already gone through two of the three steps taken by the Canal Zone postal system. Just as the first stamps of Camp Zone were Panamanian stamps overprinted for use in the Canal Zone, so were the first issues of the Ryukyus Japanese stamps overprinted in a similar manner.

The Canal Zone then came out with its own stamps. The Ryukyus are now in this stage. The third stage in the Canal Zone was the use of regular U. S. stamps overprinted for local use. Territories such as Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Guam eventually used exactly the same stamps as those used on the mainland.

If U. S. collectors begin going into Ryukyus in a big way, the trend will soon be reflected by the catalog publishers. While some dealers were able to obtain supplies from Agency stocks of 1952 and subsequent issues, wholesale and retail U. S. dealers have not been able to secure any quantities of the pre-1952 issues (except Nos. 1-7).

European dealers are in worse shape because none of them knew enough about the Ryukyus even to think of laying in anything.

U. S. collector interest in the Ryukyus is reflected in the strong demand, as well as high premium paid, for imprint blocks. Such blocks are extremely scarce because there are no philatelists around to pick them up and they are used up in the regular mails.

The only way to secure such a block by mail order is to buy an entire sheet. U. S. interest is also shown in the increasing number of First Day Covers made for new issues. Compared to US FDC quantities the number is relatively small—which means they can become very scarce.

While the 3 yen commemoratives of 1951-2 sell for \$2-3 each, their FDC's now run close to \$10 and are hard to get. FDC's for the three lower values of the 1952 regular is-

ssue are readily obtainable, but those for the five higher values are extremely scarce. This scarcity, due to U. S. interest, is very noticeable also in Ryukyus first flight covers.

The conversion from Ryukyus yen to U. S. Dollar currency took place in September 1958. The Minkus American Stamp Catalog noted this change in its listings, but other catalogs failed to note this important development.

With the change in currency, all yen issues were automatically demonetized and were replaced by issues in American Dollars and cents. For about three or four days, both yen and Dollar issues were on sale at the postoffice and the Philatelic Agency. This was not enough time for dealers to stock up, so most of them now lack Nos. 19-43 in quantities.

No one had bothered to stock the 1952 regular issue as it was being reprinted as needed, so this set which started out to be very common, ended up being very scarce in full sets. While a sharp rise is expected in these items, Nos. 43-55 will have a more moderate rise as they were on sale in ample quantities at the time of the change-over.

The new U. S. currency provisional issue resulting from the change-over is still on sale at the Philatelic Agency except for the 10c value. It is difficult to explain why the 10c went off sale first as 1,000,000 were printed and it did not fit into any particular rate.

A contributing cause may be that collectors have been buying this stamp in sheets in order to get the several well known plate varieties. The 1/2c of which 1,000,000 were also printed, may be the next one to go off sale because of its wide use for local newspaper mailing and its purchase in quantity by collectors looking for shade and perforation varieties.

Due to the large amount of overseas airmail, the \$1 value is being

rapidly used up and will be a fairly scarce mint item, but not so used.

No discussion of Ryukyus stamps is complete without a mention of the 100 yen overprint on 2 yen of 1951. Scott first listed this stamp as No. 17 at \$2. By 1958, it was listed at over \$200. Today—1960—Scott does not give it a price, but Minkus lists \$225. The going retail price for a fine copy is slightly under this figure.

Since no collection could be complete without this gem, every serious collector should try to get a copy as soon as possible. Several dealers and auctioneers have offered this stamp lately, evidently feeling that its price is now "stabilized".

This will always remain a scarce stamp as only 10,000 were overprinted and most of these were used in the mails. Very few mint or used copies exist since cautious collectors refused to pay \$3c for a stamp and dealers did not stock this number because, at the time, it was not yet listed in the catalog.

A person now paying hundreds of dollars for a stamp would want to be sure he is getting a genuine copy. FDC's so far are unknown and even used copies are scarce. A few philatelic covers were made at the time. Prices for this stamp will vary widely according to condition.

So far, a single "hand painted" copy of a forgery has turned up in the hands of a European collector who claims that it came from the Far East. When placed next to a genuine copy, it is noticeably different.

Although there is little danger of forgeries at this moment, it is best to buy from a reliable dealer who is willing to issue a certificate attesting to the genuineness of the stamp.

Another indication of U. S. specialist interest in the Ryukyus is the increasing demand for postal stationery items. There was never much stock of the early items. Original printings ran from a few thousand to 10,000 or so; merely enough to satisfy local needs. A complete collection of regular Ryukyus postal stationery is scarce indeed. Better pick these items up when you can.

The airmail story is pretty much the same as the regular issues. The sudden change from yen to Dollars took the 1951 and 1957 issues off sale at the agency before any big

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Scott's No.	Description	Price	Scott's No.	Description	Price
219	75c Ronsard (1924)	.10	391	70c Strasbourg Cath. (1939)	.10
220	10c Int. Exposition (1925)	.05	392	90c Verdun (1939)	.10
221	15c Int. Exposition (1925)	.05	393	90c Pau (1939)	.10
222	25c Int. Exposition (1924)	.04	394	70c Languelec (1939)	.05
223	25c Int. Exposition (1925)	.04	395	90c Lyon (1939)	.10
224	75c Int. Exposition (1924)	.08	396	50c Guyonmer (1940)	.35
225	75c Int. Exposition (1925)	.15	410	1f. 2.15f. Miners (1940)	.04
226	90c Berthelet (1927)	.15	411	2.50f. St. Carcassonne (1941)	.04
242	90c Amer. Legion (1927)	.15	412	5f. 10f. Vincennes (1941)	.25
244	150f. Amer. Legion (1927)	.15	413	10f. 20f. Saint Malo (1941)	.20
245	50c Joan of Arc (1929)	.02	415	40c Pétain (1941)	.12
247	3f. Reims Cathedral (1930)	.15	416	80c Pétain (1941)	.05
250	5f. Mont St. Michel (1931)	.04	417	1f. Pétain (1941)	.05
255	50c Algiers (1929)	.05	418	2.50f. Pétain (1941)	.12
*256	50c B. I. T. (1930)	.15	*419	1f. Mistral (1941)	.05
257	1.50f. B. I. T. (1930)	.75	420	5f. Beaune (1941)	.05
262	1.50f. Inter. Expos. (1931)	.06	421	10f. Angers (1941)	.10
263	2f. Arc de Triomphe (1931)	.04	422	20f. Aigues-Mortes (1941)	.10
290	90c Le Puy (1933)	.04	*451	50f. Pétain (1942)	.04
291	30c Briand (1933)	.45	*452	4f. Massenet (1942)	.06
292	75c Doumer (1933)	.03	*453	4f. Stendahl (1942)	.08
293	1.25f. Hugo (1933)	.05	*454	4f. Blondel (1942)	.10
294	1.50f. Dove (1934)	.05	459	10f. Belzay Arras (1942)	.06
295	40c Jacquard (1934)	.04	*464	4f. Lavalette (1943)	.06
296	75c Cartier (1924)	.10	465	20f. Lake Lerie (1943)	.15
297	1.50f. Cartier (1934)	.28	466	4f. Rotin-de Salins (1943)	.08
299	2f. Breton River (1935)	.03	*471	4f. Brany (1944)	.06
300	1.50f. St. S. Normandie (1935)	.08	*472	1.50f. Postcar (1944)	.25
301	75c Delecart (1935)	.06	473	15f. Chenonceaux (1944)	.10
302	3.50f. Saint Trophime (1935)	.30	*474	4f. Chappe (1944)	.25
303	1.25f. Hugo (1935)	.06	496	25f. Chenonceaux (1944)	.14
304	1.50f. Richelieu (1935)	.10	497	4f. Bugeaud (1944)	.08
305	75c Callot (1933)	.04	*498	2.40f. St. Denis (1944)	.05
306	75c Ampere (1936)	.06	503	4f. Liberation (1945)	.12
307	2f. Windmill (1936)	.06	503	20f. Marianne (1945)	.12
308	75c de Rozier (1936)	.08	504	25f. Marianne (1945)	.12
309	20c de Lisle (1936)	.15	505	50f. Marianne (1945)	.12
310	40c La Marcellaise (1936)	.15	506	100f. Marianne (1945)	.60
311	75c Viny (1936)	.08	507	2.40f. Metz (1945)	.05
312	1.50f. Viny (1936)	.08	508	4f. Strasbourg (1945)	.05
313	40c Jaures (1936)	.08	509	4f. Liberation (1945)	.04
314	1.50f. Jaures (1936)	.18	560	2f. World Map (1945)	.03
319	90c Inter. Expos. (1936)	.65	568	3f. Dove (1946)	.03
320	1.50f. Inter. Expos. (1936)	.15	569	10f. Paris Conference (1946)	.05
321	1.50f. Peace (1936)	.12	569	5f. Vezelay (1946)	.02
322	1.50f. Chamonix (1937)	.12	570	10f. Luxembourg (1946)	.05
323	75c Cornelle (1937)	.06	570	15f. Rocamadour (1946)	.05
324	1.50f. Inter. Expos. (1937)	.04	571	20f. Pointe du Raz (1946)	.02
325	30c Mermoz (1937)	.05	572	10f. UNESCO (1946)	.10
326	3f. Mermoz (1937)	.20	572	6f. Cannes (1946)	.05
328	1.50f. Railroad Cong. (1937)	.30	573	6f. Cannes (1946)	.05
330	90c Descartes (sur) 1937	.10	574	25f. Nancy (1946)	.03
331	90c Descartes (de) 1937	.08	575	25f. Nancy (1948)	.03
332	1.75f. U.S. Constitution (1937)	.07	581	3.50f. Louvre (1947)	.12
334	90c Mountain road (1937)	.02	582	4.50f. La Conciergerie (1947)	.08
341	55c Gambetta (1938)	.10	583	6f. La Cite (1947)	.12
342	2f. Arc de Triomphe (1938)	.10	584	10f. Place de la Concorde (47)	.10
343	2.15f. Miners (1938)	.03	585	4.50f. Pavie (1947)	.10
344	3f. Avignon (1938)	.08	586	4.50f. Penelon (1947)	.08
345	5f. Carcassonne (1938)	.04	587	5f. Scout Jamboree (1947)	.08
346	10f. Vincennes (1938)	.15	588	5f. Resistance (1947)	.08
347	20f. Saint-Malo (1938)	.60	590	15f. Conques (1947)	.04
349	1.75f. Soccer (1938)	.35	591	12f. Luxembourg (1948)	.03
350	1.75f. Champagne (1938)	.25	592	12f. Luxembourg (1948)	.03
351	55c La Fontaine (1938)	.06	593	18f. Conques (1948)	.04
*352	1.75f. Handclasp (1938)	.06	603	18f. Chateaubriand (1948)	.10
370	2.25f. Cezanne (1939)	.35	604	6f. Gen. Leclerc (1948)	.10
*371	90c Clemenceau (1939)	.08	605	12f. United Nations (1948)	.12
372	2.25f. Inter. Ex.-N.Y. (1939)	.15	606	18f. United Nations (1948)	.12
*373	2.50f. Inter. Ex.-N.Y. (1939)	.20	607	12f. Gennissiat Dam (1948)	.10
374	2.25f. Niepce-Daguerre (1939)	.25	608	5f. Langevin (1948)	.06
388	2.25f. Machine de Marly (1939)	.18	609	8f. Perrin (1948)	.06
389	90c Gregory of Tours (1939)	.08	611	15f. Arctic Scene (1948)	.10
390	90c Anniv. Fr. Revol. (1939)	.06	621	12f. St. Bernard Ch. (1948)	.10

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623	25f. St. Wandrille (1949)	.02
625	10f. Chappe (1949)	.10
626	15f. Arago-Ampere (1949)	.10
627	25f. Baudot (1949)	.35
628	50f. Gen. Ferrie (1949)	.28
629	12f. Racine (1949)	.10
630	20f. St. Bertrand Abbey (1949)	.02
631	40f. Meuse Valley (1949)	.02
632	50f. Mt. Gerbier (1949)	.02
633	15f. Cham. of Com. (1949)	.08
634	5f. U.P.U. (1949)	.08
635	15f. U.P.U. (1949)	.10
636	25f. U.P.U. (1949)	.18
637	15f. Poincare (1950)	.08
638	12f. Peguy (1950)	.08
639	12f. Rabelais (1950)	.06
640	8f. Chateaudun (1950)	.12
641	12f. Racamier (1950)	.08
642	15f. de Sevigne (1950)	.08
643	12f. Fontainebleau (1951)	.10
644	15f. Ferry (1951)	.12
645	25f. Shuttle (1951)	.15
646	15f. de la Salle (1951)	.10
647	15f. Anchor (1951)	.35
648	25f. d'Indy (1951)	.25
655	12f. Profs. Nocard, et al. (51)	.10
656	15f. Gen. Pichon, et al. (1951)	.06
657	30f. Pichon (1951)	.20
658	30f. Arbols (1951)	.08
664	15f. Seal of Paris (1951)	.10
665	12f. Nagues (1951)	.08
666	8f. Baudelaire (1951)	.10
667	12f. Verlaine (1951)	.10
668	12f. Riquier (1951)	.12
669	15f. Clemenceau (1951)	.08
670	30f. Chateau du Clos (1951)	.15
671	18f. United Nations (1951)	.20
672	30f. United Nations (1951)	.20
673	40f. Caen (1951)	.10
674	50f. Caen (1951)	.10
675	15f. de Tassigny (1952)	.06
676	12f. Vaucouleurs (1952)	.10
677	30f. Narvik (1952)	.35
678	12f. Loire Chateau (1952)	.25
679	30f. Europe (1952)	.12
680	30f. Bir-Hakeim (1952)	.10
681	15f. Abbey, Poitiers (1952)	.10
682	30f. de VincI (1952)	.30
683	15f. Viaduct (1952)	.10
684	30f. Military medals (1952)	.08
685	12f. Dr. Laennec (1952)	.08
686	18f. Versailles (1952)	.12
687	30f. Mannequin (1953)	.04
688	6f. Gargantua (1953)	.03
689	8f. Celmene (1953)	.04
690	12f. Foug (1953)	.04
691	18f. Hernani (1953)	.08
692	8f. Gen. Leclerc (1953)	.08
692A	12f. Gen. Leclerc (1954)	.10
702	12f. Cyclists (1953)	.08
700	30f. Farming (1953)	.30
701	30f. Trade (1953)	.04
702	30f. Fencing (1953)	.04
703	40f. Canoe racing (1953)	.08
704	50f. Rowing (1953)	.03
705	75f. Equestrian (1953)	.85
706	75f. Equestria (1954)	.85
712	30f. Book (1954)	.03
713	40f. Porcelain (1954)	.03
714	50f. Jewelry (1954)	.02
715	75f. Perfume (1954)	.14
716	15f. Paris Fair (1954)	.07
718	15f. All Landings (1954)	.08
719	12f. Lardier (1954)	.03
720	8f. Seine valley (1954)	.03
721	10f. Royan (1954)	.02
722	12f. Quimper (1954)	.02
723	18f. Cheverny Castle (1954)	.08
724	12f. de la Tour (1954)	.02
725	12f. Abbey of Jumlees (1954)	.10
726	30f. St. Philibert Abbey (1954)	.45
727	15f. Stenay (1954)	.10
728	18f. Versailles (1954)	.15
729	18f. Villandry Castle (1954)	.18
730	12f. Legion of Honor (1954)	.08
731	12f. St. Cyr (1954)	.10
732	30f. Electric system (1954)	.70
740	12f. St. Michel (1955)	.70
741	30f. Rotary (1955)	.80

The Dollar Provisional Issues Of The Ryukyus

A milestone in Ryukyu philately was the change-over to U.S. currency in September 1958. As early as August the "Okinawa Times" had reported that Lt. Gen. Donald P. Booth, United States High Commissioner for the Ryukyu Islands, had said that initial steps had already been taken to retire all B-yen currency. This was a special blocked yen which had served as the exchange medium in the Ryukyus since the end of World War II.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Naha drew up a five-point economic plan for the Ryukyus in March 1958 which called for complete conversion to regular U. S. currency. On April 11, military purchase certificates used by service personnel were replaced by ordinary U. S. currency.

Formal action for currency conversion is based on Ordinance No. 14 of the High Commissioner of the Ryukyus dated September 15, 1958. The summary of this article is as follows:

Sec. 1. U. S. Dollar Legal Tender—From and after 0001 hours 16 September 1958, the U. S. dollar, consisting of all the coins and currencies of the U. S. which are authorized to circulate as money in the U. S., shall be legal tender in the Ryukyu Islands. From and after 2400 hours 24 September 1958, the U. S. dollar shall be the only legal tender in the Ryukyu Islands.

Sec. 2. Rate of Exchange—All debts, taxes, duties, fines, judgments, and monetary obligations expressed in Type B-yen, shall be reduced to U. S. dollars at the rate of 120 Type B-yen to \$1. Should such conversion result in a remaining fraction of 60 sen or less than 1/2c, such fraction shall be disregarded. All laws, proclamations, ordinances and directives shall be considered as having been amended to reflect this currency conversion.

Sec. 3. (use of B-yen and other currencies prohibited).

Sec. 4. (unlawful circulation and counterfeiting).

Sec. 5. (recessions). This order was signed by Vonna F. Burger, Brig. Gen., U.S.A., Chief of the Civil Administration, for the U. S. High Commissioner for the Ryukyu Islands.

Ryukyu Seifu Koho (Ryukyu Government Official Bulletin) No. 55 carried an announcement of postal rate changes. A summary reads, "pursuant to Postal Law No. 74 of 1953, Article 31, the following postal matter is effective as of 16 September: 1/2c-1 stamps, 1 1/2c and 3c postcards, 13c aerogramme, 4c special reply coupon and 3c cash remittance envelope. (Colors of stamps given)."

"Postcards, aerogrammes, and cash remittance envelopes are to be revalued by crossing out the old value with two red bars and surcharging the new value in cents. Special reply coupons are changed to 4c."

The same authority issued Bulletin No. 56, which carried notification No. 264 dated September 16, 1958. This gave the same effective date for revenue stamps which were described as offset printing measuring 23 x 27mm.

Bulletin No. 62 dated September 26, 1958 carried Notification No. 276 which gave the following supplementary information on HICOM Ordinances No. 14 and 15: (1) exchange period of yen for dollar stamps, etc., September 16-30; (2) places of exchange—all Ryukyu Postoffices; and (3) stamps, etc. must be submitted with a "Request for exchange" form.

HICOM Ordinance No. 15 dated September 20, 1958 reads in summary:

"Currency Conversion—Whereas, the period for such unrestricted exchange will expire on 20 September 1958, after which Type B-yen will no longer be legal tender . . .

"Whereas, postage and revenue stamps denominated in Type B-yen will no longer be valid after 20 September 1958 . . .

"Now Therefore It Is Ordained:

"1. Notwithstanding the time limit prescribed by HICOM ORDINANCE No. 14, dated 15 September 1958, for the free and unrestricted exchange to Type B-yen for U. S. currency, any person may at any time thereafter, up to and including the 30 day of September 1958, exchange B-yen in his possession at the main office or at any branch office of any financial institution and such exchange shall be made, provided that the applicant furnishes a signed statement that he acquired the B-yen legally and was prevented from effecting earlier conversion.

"In addition, in areas where a financial institution is not available

local post offices are authorized to accept Type B-yen for periodic exchange for U. S. currency at financial institution and within their own resources, to make exchanges for U. S. currency subject to the above conditions.

"2. Postage stamps, postcards, air-letters, reply postage coupons, cash delivery envelopes and revenue stamps denominated in Type B-yen and issued by the Government of the Ryukyu Islands, shall be exchanged for the same items denominated in U. S. currency upon presentation at any postoffice within the period specified in Section 1 above."

On November 4, 1958 the High Commissioner's Office amended Section 2 of Ordinance No. 15 to read, "postage stamps, postcards, air-letters, reply postage coupons, cash delivery envelopes and revenue stamps denominated in Type B-yen and issued by the Government of the Ryukyu Islands, may be exchanged for the same items in legal tender (U. S. currency issues) on presentation at any postoffice up to and including 29 November 1958. This amendment is effective as of November 5 1958."

The above items provide the back-

ground information for the introduction of U. S. currency and Dollar value stamps in the Ryukyu Islands. As of September 16, 1958 all yen postal paper was demonetized and replaced with provisional issues denominated in U. S. Dollar currency. The latter are still valid and in general use.

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dealer could stock up. The second of these issues was on sale only for a short time and nobody bothered to stock up because it was a definitive airmail issue and as such would be reprinted as needed.

The 1951 issue will probably remain stable for a while as it was in use long enough to provide ample used copies and wholesale dealers had obtained mint sets. The first airmail set of 1950 continues strong in demand for both mint and used sets as there is practically no stock of them.

Even as you read this article, a flurry is going on with the issuance of provisional airmails in December 1959. Although plans were made to issue a regular airmail set in American currency, there was not enough time to produce it, so postal officials decided to reprint remaining stocks of the old yen airmails with new values in American money.

These first airmails in U. S. currency will be a set which every U. S. collector must have in his collection. Better pick them up when you can.

The avidity with which U. S. collectors go after "flyspecks" and other minor flaws has been reflected in

the steady demand for plate positions of the 10y. on 50 sen 1952 issue. Several important studies have been published on this one stamp, and specialists can recognize most of the 300 prints.

The surcharging was done at three different times as needed. Naturally there is a wide variation in the value of the three printings. The American Stamp Catalog put out by

Minkus Publications has again taken the lead in describing and pricing the three different printings.

It will be sometime yet before the catalog makers will list Types A and B of the 100y. on 2y. surcharge, but this is not important as the printings of each type ran about 50-50 to a sheet of 100. For the specialist, the more important varieties in these surcharges are the large zeros.

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#169-70	1.60	C16-17	44.00	#306-9	.90
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#173	4.25	C20-21	21.00	ITALY	
#174-5	.80	C22-23	6.75	#495-506	4.00
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Ryukyuan Provisional Postal Stationery

Single and double postcards are widely used throughout the Ryukyus for everyday correspondence. The sudden currency change from yen to Dollars in September 1958 instituted a series of surcharged postcards which did not end until definitives were issued in June 1959.

Not only were there several surcharges by different printers, but even the basic cards had to be reprinted especially for surcharging purposes. In all instances, the surcharges were on the 2 yen green Shrine design card. The "green" varies from a yellow green to a very dark shade.

The overprints are all in red, but the "red" varies from a light pink to a deep hue. There are three distinct major varieties of type font and several minor variations. The overprint has been found shifted as much as 50% in all four directions.

"Images" are very common. They are the result of either heavy inking going through the paper, or picking up the surcharge from the next card. No real "printed on both sides" is known.

The first batch of 600,000 cards was surcharged by the Nakamaru print shop September 16, 1958. The bars obliterating the old value in this printing are 9mm long. The second batch of 100,000 was surcharged by the Kobundo print shop November 26, using bars 9.5mm long. The third batch of 200,000 was surcharged by the Okinawa print shop; the bars here are 10.5mm long. These figures include both single and double cards.

The three major varieties of surcharges are: A—very thick bars and characters, B—thin characters, and C—thin characters with thin bars. In addition to these three, a variety with a very thin "2" has been found. This variety has always been seen on a double card with the thin "2" on the message card and the "2" shifted to the left on the reply card.

Among the major errors known to date are the double surcharge which was seen on the reply section of a double card and the missing "1" in the 1/2c surcharge. Both of these items came from Agency orders. The missing "1" is not too scarce as several buyers reported finding such cards in their orders. One run of 100 cards showed the gradual deterioration of the "1" until it disappeared completely.

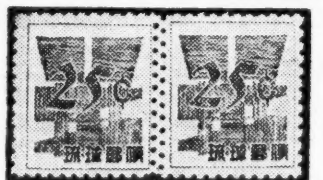
Mention of this variety is made in the Minkus American Stamp Catalog for 1960. It is listed under PC 19-20. The surcharged aerogram is listed under E-5.

A minor surcharge variety is a variation in thickness of the two obliterating bars, the upper being thinner than the lower one. This is often found on double cards, which also often come with one type of surcharge on the message section and another on the reply half. About 100 cards are known with the surcharge on cards which have no design.

No special cancellations were used the first day of issue. Regular cancellations read "58. 9. 16". During the mad rush of the change-over, very few postcards received first day servicing. These various provisional issues were replaced with definitive cards in June 1959, but are still valid for use. Many were privately made into New Year cards during the 1958-9 season.

Perf Varieties On Ryukyu Interims

The sudden September 1958 shift of the monetary system of the Ryukyus from the Yen to the U. S. Dollar basis demanded the utmost of speed in preparing new postal paper for the change-over. Obviously, some errors occurred in the making of a set of provisional, or interim, adhesives until a properly designed issue of stamps could be produced.



At the moment the craze among U. S. specialists going in for the Ryukyus is the search to complete the nine sets of perforations of this provisional issue. These perforations are grouped as follows:

IA — 10 1/4 x 10 1/4; IB — 10 1/4 x 10 1/4; IC — 10 1/4 x 11.
IIA — 10 1/4 x 10 1/4; IIB — 10 1/4 x 10 1/4; IIC — 10 1/4 x 11.
IIIA — 11 x 10 1/4; IIIB — 11 x 10 1/4; IIIC — 11 x 11.

Group I is the scarcest and Group III, the commonest. We have the word of one specialist that these nine perforation varieties exist on all ten stamps, although the normal collector is fortunate to complete Group III.

All the perforating was done with single line manual perforating machines. Since the Asahido print shop had only a single 10 1/4 perforator, it borrowed one each from six other firms making a total of seven machines. Two were 10 1/4; three, 10 1/4; and two, 11.

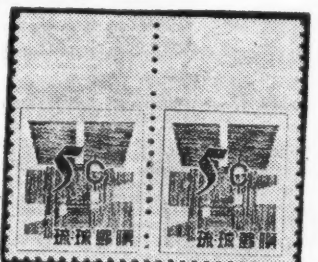
Horizontal and vertical perforations were done by separate machines. Five to seven sheets were perforated at one time. Most of the time three machines were used for

horizontal and four for vertical perforations.

The 10 1/4 perforator was used for ten days and the 11 perforator with missing pins was used every other day. This partly accounts for the scarcity of some perforations.

Despite very careful supervision, a few perforation varieties slipped through to add zest to the specialists' search. Among those actually seen are the following: 1/2c bottom fantail, 5c top fantail, 10c right fantail; 1c imperforate horizontally; 5c vertical pair and \$1 horizontal pair, imperforate between.

Also, 1/2c double perforations between vertical rows 5-6 and horizontal rows 1-2, also, between vertical rows 9-10 and between horizontal rows 7-8 on the same sheet, extra vertical row of perfs on right selvage of 2c and the 25c with double vertical perforations; 1/2c with left end row of vertical perfs shifted right to make the end stamp look like a fantail; and 3c with right blind perforations.



Fantails are caused by leaving out the last row of perforations at the edge of the sheet. In some countries, especially on revenue stamps, this is done deliberately to save work. The inspectors had evidently tried to catch these as well as the imperf between and rejected them when found.

In the case of double, blind and "off center" perfs, the inspectors evidently considered them no great harm and did not want to waste the stamps, these exist in fairly am-

ple quantities. Since the perforating was done in multiple sheets, whenever a sheet of double perfs is found in a package, there should be 5 to 7 similar sheets.

The fact that this does not happen shows that the inspectors had caught the batch and probably missed only one or two sheets. There are cases where only a part of the row is perforated double.

Some double perfs come in distinct and separate rows, but ordinarily the doubling comes one on top of the other and is not easily noticed. Blind perfs are caused by the pins not going through the paper, but leaving just an image.

Another result of the single line perforating is the frequent variation in the size of the stamps. Needless to say, most of the issue is off center. In some cases, the perforations cut the frame line on both sides. We are indebted to Messrs. Farries, Shallies and Wong for information on perforation varieties. Measurements of the perforations were supplied for the most part by Mr. Schorlein.

A note of caution might be worthwhile here regarding double perforations. Since the perforating machines are all freely accessible to anyone in Naha, there is nothing to prevent a fast operator from getting a few hundred sheets and adding a line or two of perfs to them.

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The fraudulent card is readily identifiable by the use of (1), the June 26 cancellation applied by the (2), ordinary Reykjavik handstamp to (3), less than the minimum 34.75 Kroner franking. Of further suspicion is the semicircular cachet in red at the lower left; it appears on but few of the legitimate June 23 covers.

International Cooperation Spots Iceland Balloon Flight Forgery

An attractive and dangerous counterfeit of a 1957 balloon flight in Iceland has been unmasked by a Springfield, Ohio collector with the cooperation of a dealer in Iceland. The former is William P. Brooks, long active in the Society of Philatelic Americans and other stamp circles. The Iclander is Jonas Hallgrímsson, P.O. Box 1116, Reykjavik, Iceland, whose name is familiar to Linn's readers.

The flight took place June 23, 1957 and authentic covers bear this date in their cancellations. Further, they are backstamped at Brouland (the post office nearest the landing point) on the same date. Such covers are by no means common at this time, a mere 30 months later. The counterfeits uncovered are on postcards with various markings which would seem to authenticate them. However, they show two glaring shortcomings: the postmark is dated three days too late—June 26—and the cards bear insufficient franking.

"I was quite well acquainted with all details regarding this Iceland Balloon flight," wrote Mr. Hallgrímsson to the Ohio collector, "as I was one of the counselors in connection with it. And I do not hesitate to declare that the card is a forgery."

Further details supplied by him are that the cards were offered by an English dealer at 15/- (about \$2). They are canceled with the ordinary Reykjavik cancellation of June 26, 1957, whereas the flight took place June 23, and all balloon mail was registered at the special post office at the Reykjavik airport.

Covers on the flight totaled 2488, all canceled with the special device "REYKJAVIKURFLUGVOLLUR / REYKJAVIK AIRPORT" in the top semicircle with "FLUGDAGURIN" in the lower one. Across the center in a straight line is "23.6.1957" and below that an upturned posthorn.



Legitimate mail from the June 23 (correct date) balloon flight was canceled by the special "REYKJAVIKURFLUGVOLLUR / REYKJAVIK AIRPORT" device. It bears at least 34.75 Kroner franking, registry markings, and backstamps of both Brouland (June 23) and Reykjavik (June 24).

Much Polar Data In New "Ice Cap News"

The November-December issue of the "Ice Cap News", publication of the American Society of Polar Philatelists, offers a wealth of information for the collector of Polar philately. Much of it, indeed, is of concern to the casual postal historian as well.

An especially interesting article by George A. Hall concerns the activities of the late Raold Amundsen in the Arctic.

A second story recalls the Shackleton Expedition of 1914 and reveals that nine of its survivors are still alive and scattered throughout the world.

Ice Cap News is published six times a year, at \$2 per year subscription. Neil D. Josephson, 83 Forest St., New Britain, Conn. is the editor. He will supply further details about the magazine and the society on request.

Antigua Overprints Two For Constitution

An overprint of the Antigua 3c and 12c current postage stamps was released in the Colony January 1 in commemoration of further constitutional reforms which came into force as from that date, according to the Crown Agents Representative, Washington, D. C.



The 3c stamps are overprinted in red, the 12c in black, with the words "Commemoration / Antigua / Constitution / 1960". They will remain on sale for a period of one year. The current stamps of the values 3c and 12c which the commemora-

tive stamps replace will be withdrawn from sale during that period.

The new Constitution which came into force January 1 provides for the office of Chief Minister and four other ministers as against three at present. All the members of the new executive council will be unofficial members except the law officer who will continue to be an official. The administrator will continue to preside in executive council.

Further changes in the Legislative Council are envisaged after the next general election.

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3	1.25	1.67	05	379	55	594-53
4	1.40	1.25	1.68	...	06	380	...	596
4a	2.50	1.69	04	381	25	597
5	5.50	2.50	1.71	...	08	382	03	600
6	15.00	9.00	1.71	50	09	383	50	601
7	2.25	1.72	...	25	04	384	04	602
8	16.25	6.75	1.74	...	06	385	15	603
10	1.00	.30	1.75	10	08	386	10	602
11	.07	.60	1.76	...	30	387	...	603
12	.04	.04	1.77	18	15	382-7	1.00	604
13	.04	.04	1.78	...	10	388	03	605-17
14	.04	.10	1.79	...	15	389	04	615-17
15	.04	.04	1.80	...	10	390	...	614-7
16	.04	.05	1.74-80	1.25	10	391	08	618-41
17	.08	.05	1.81-9	7.5	392	20	07	642-4
12-17	.60	.40	1.82	20	393	...	11	645-8
18	4.00	3.50	1.85	2.40	398-93	1.00	09	613
19	.04	.05	1.88	...	04	394	05	R1-6
20	.04	.04	1.89	...	05	395	04	OFFICIAL STAMPS
21	.05	.20	2.00	...	05	396	13	O1
22	.15	.20	2.01	...	03	397	12	O2
19-22	.30	.20	2.02	...	04	398-7	45	O3
23	.04	.04	2.03	...	04	400	06	O4
24	.04	.05	2.04	...	13	404	...	O5
25	.04	.05	2.05	...	04	405	10	O6
26	.04	.05	2.06	...	04	404-5	15	O7
27	.04	.05	2.07	...	09	413-5	1.25	O8
28	.04	.10	2.08	...	03	416	07	O9
29	.04	.14	2.09	...	12	417	12	O10
23-30	.35	.21	2.10	...	03	418	13	O11
31	.35	.21	2.11	...	27	419	15	O12
32	.70	.60	2.12	...	09	420	18	O13
33	.45	.40	2.13	...	35	421	28	O14
34	.15	1.00	2.14	...	03	422	1.00	O15
35	.15	.21	2.15	...	17-22	423	1.90	O16
36	.30	1.98-215	5.00	...	08	424	09	O17
37	1.60	2.16	...	14	10	425	...	O11-17
38	.35	.30	2.18	...	15	430	...	O20
39	.35	.05	2.19A	3.00	01	431	08	O21
40	.35	.20	2.20	...	07	432	04	O22
41	.08	.05	2.21	...	15	430-3	45	O23
42	.30	.15	2.26	...	14	436	06	O3
43	.20	.15	2.27	...	13	435	06	O3
44	.45	.35	2.28	...	27	436	04	O27-33R
45	.45	.50	2.29	...	40	437	04	O34-41R
39-46R	.16	.30	2.32	...	34	438	04	O42
47	.30	.24	2.34	...	50	439	05	O43
48	.20	.30	2.36	1.45	10	440	12	O45
49	.08	.08	2.37	1.20	14	443	...	O48
50	.08	.19	2.38	1.50	1.50	440-3	2.00	O54
51	.20	.25	2.39	2.35	1.50	444	15	O61
54	1.00	.40	2.42	2.20	...	445	20	O64
47-54R	.16	.25	2.59	60	...	446-6	.60	O66
55	.25	.60	2.60	80	...	447	04	O68
56	.40	.06	2.66A	...	06	448	05	O74
57	.40	.10	2.66B	...	06	449	07	O75
58-62R	.16	.27	2.67	...	06	447-51	.65	O78
62B	.40	.10	2.67A	...	06	451	05	O82
64D	.40	.10	2.67B	...	06	454	06	O83
62E	1.25	.50	2.68	...	35	455	16	O86
62F	.40	.26	2.68-8	...	50	456	...	O87
64E	.10	1.75	2.71	...	20	457	1.40	O92
64	.10	.10	2.73	...	35	459	2.10	O93
66	.13	.13	2.69-71	...	35	460	06	O97
67	.13	.13	2.75	1.00	...	461	08	O98
68	.18	.18	2.76	...	75	458-61	27	O99
69	1.00	.25	2.85	...	65	462	06	O99b
70	.10	.10	2.81A	...	50	463	03	O103
70A	.50	.281A	1.40	...	...	464	...	O105
71	.50	.283	...	10	...	465	...	O106
71a	.50	.75	2.83A	3.50	...	465-70	2.00	O107
72	.10	.08	2.84	...	45	...	05	O108
73	.30	.30	2.85	...	75	472	10	O109
73a	.50	.50	2.87	...	30	473	12	O109
73b	1.00	.288	2.70	2.60	471-4	...	20	O111
73c	.75	.290	1.35	...	65	475	04	O112
73e	1.50	.291	3.50	2.50	476	04	03	O115
74	2.00	1.00	2.77-91	18.00	...	477	...	O116
74a	.10	1.50	2.93	...	50	478	04	O117
76	.15	.18	2.94	...	50	480	06	O119
78	.15	.15	2.95	...	50	481	10	O121
79	.40	.296	...	75	20	482	12	O122
80	.55	.50	2.97	...	80	483	14	O122 inv.
82 inv.	1.25	.50	2.99	3.75	1.30	475-83	44	O123a
82	.50	.50	2.93-8	9.75	485	...	03	O124
83	1.00	.302	...	04	03	486	07	O127
84	1.00	.303	...	04	03	487	06	O128
84 inv.	9.00	.304	...	06	05	488	09	O129
86	.25	.305	...	06	04	485-88	35	O131
87	.80	.308	...	05	04	489	18	O132
88	1.50	.307	...	08	...	494	04	O134
89	.50	.308	...	06	45	...	13	O134
90	.20	.309	...	13	...	498	06	O135
91	1.00	.310	...	05	499	07	07	O136
91 inv.	2.00	.311	...	08	500	12	06	O137
93	.25	.312	...	05	502	20	25	O138
94	.25	.314	1.20	...	509	1.20	...	O140
95	.08	.304-16	8.00	...	512	10	...	O141 inv.
96	.75	.318	...	03	512	10	...	O141
97	.50	.318	...	06	03	509-13	65	O141
105	.35	.319	...	08	05	514	...	O142
106	2.00	.320	...	05	05	515	...	O143
106A	.50	.320A	2.00	...	518	03	...	O144
107	1.60	.160	.331	...	519	05	...	O144
108	2.00	.332	...	05	520	08	...	O150
110	4.50	.450	.333	...	521	14	...	O151
114	.60	.336	...	...	522	15	...	O153
115	.30	.337-8	4.40	...	523	25	...	O154
116	.15	.341	...	05	524	1.50	40	O136-55
117	.15	.15	.342	...	525	05	04	O155
118	.08	.342	...	10	526	06	...	O158
122	.65	.65	.343	...	527	05	...	O159
122 inv.	1.00	.344	...	08	525-7	20	...	O160
123	.65	.65	.340-45	1.10	528	05	03	O160a
125	.65	.65	.346	...	530	05	...	O161
126	.65	.65	.347	...	531	05	...	O162
127	.04	.04	.348	...	532	04	...	O164
128	.04	.04	.349	...	533	04	...	O165
129	.05	.05	.350	...	534	04	...	O166
130	.05	.05	.351	...	535	04	...	O166-8
137-34	.80	.347-51	...	10	539	06	...	O167 inv.
138	.05	.357	...	80	541	14	...	O170
139	.05	.352-7	2.20	...	536-41	1.45	...	O170a
140	.08	.359	...	05	542	05	04	O171
141	.08	.360	...	05	544	04	...	O172
142	.18	.361	...	04	545-9	40	21	O172 inv.
143	.75	.362	...	06	552	04	...	O173 inv.
137-44	2.25	.363	...	10	553	06	05	O174
146	.04	.364	...	...	554	06	03	O174 inv.
148	.06	.365	...	...	555-57	24	...	O175
149	.10	.366	...	...	558	03	03	O177
151	.20	.367	...	...	561	05	03	O177 inv.
152	1.00	.368	...	...	562	05	...	O189
153	3.50	.369	...	...	563-65	45	...	O190
154	.50	.370	...	...	566-70	25	12	O184-90
155A	.50	.371	...	...	571-4	16	...	O191
160	.10	.372	366-72	1.80	575	05	...	O192
161	.10	.373	...	04	576-81	27	18	O194
162	.15	.374	...	05	582-3	12	...	O194
162	.15	.375	...	04	584	05	...	O191-5
163	.20	.376	585	03	...	O196
164	.80	.373-6	587	04	03	O197

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44 43 .16
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48-50 80 .70
51 20 .17
52-4 16 .12
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56-61 28 .06
62-4 45 .38
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66-9 70 .65
70-1 40 .35
72 25 .23
74 12 .13
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**Design Correction
In Bullfighting Set**
The designs of the Spanish "Bull-
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week's report by Carlos Lenze, Bar-
quillo 29, Madrid, Spain, are now
scheduled by him in detail. The 12
regulars and four airmails will be
issued March 1, mostly in two col-
ors.



Ordinary mail values are 15c,
fighting bull; 20c, bulls on the range;
25c, bulls at Pamplona; 30c, bull
bursting into arena; 50c, exciting
bull with cape play; and 70c, goad-
ing bull with banderillas.
Also, 80c, 1, 1.40 and 1.50 Pesetas,
taunting bull with muletilla (banner,
usually red, on a short staff); 1.30-
Pts., picador on horse; and 5Pts.,
portrait of bullfighter of early times.
In some earlier releases this had
been listed as an old bullfighting
scene.
Airs include 25c, arena in a small
city; 50c similar to 50c ordinary;
1Pt., the dedication; and 5Pts.,
bullfighting arena in a metropolis.

**Stamp Spectacular
On New York Station**
The most outstanding philatelic
event thus far seen on television was
the "Stamp Spectacular" shown on
Channel 4 in the New York area
from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. December 6.
The big event was sponsored by The
Washington Press of Newark, N. J.
Walter Law acted as master of
ceremonies. The chief feature of
the show was the tour of President Ei-
senhower through Europe and the
East. The various stops were point-
ed out and stamps from the various
countries shown, with appropriate
comments by the emcee. The whole
production was organized in a high
class manner and was sound from a
philatelic point of view.
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ement of the show was a musical
program conducted by Vincent Lo-
pez, famous band leader, so long as-
sociated with the Hotel Taft. The
various stamps of the Musician se-
ries of the Famous Americans were
represented and shown with appro-
priate music accompanying Mr.
Law's remarks.
The musical coverage was extend-
ed to numerous foreign stamps such
as Austria, Germany, and other Eu-
ropean countries, with Vincent Lo-
pez playing appropriate selections
with regard to the stamps shown.
Other features of the show includ-
ed the presentation by L. Rohe Wal-
ter, Special Assistant to the Post-
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**Extra Meeting For Los
Angeles Germany Club**
The Los Angeles Chapter of the
German Philatelic Society has an-
nounced a second meeting day. At
the December business session it was
voted to hold a general "swap and
bull" get-together the second Wed-
nesday of each month.
The club will continue to hold its
regular meetings on fourth Thurs-
days at the Los Angeles Philatelic
Society's building, 417 S. Alvarado
St., Los Angeles. All interested col-
lectors of Germania are invited to
attend. The next meeting will be Jan-
uary 28.

**Minister Had Stamps,
Wanted Car; Got It**
A great many readers evidently
saw the modest three-line ad in
Linn's classified section of the No-
vember 2 issue. Over the name of
Rev. Sven Forsberg, Toftedal, Swe-
den, it stated that he wanted to sell
some of his duplicates to raise mon-
ey to buy a car.
The follow-up on that item has
been supplied by Roy Swanson of the

St. Paul (Minn.) "Dispatch-Pioneer"
in the form of a December 31 news
item from a Gothenburg, Sweden
paper. According to this source, the
minister has already sold enough
of his duplicates to obtain a used
car, and is now well on the way

toward the price of a new model.
The Swedish account states that he
has been a stamp enthusiast for 30
years and that he still has large
quantities of material. It gives full
credit for his success to the pulling
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941 3c Tenn.	981 3c Minn.	998 3c Conf. V.	1015 3c News B.	1061 3c Kansas	1083 3c Hamilton
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943 3c Smithson.	983 3c P. Rico	1000 3c Detroit	1019 3c Wash. T.	1065 3c L. G. Coll.	1089 3c Architects
944 3c N. Mexico	984 3c Annapolis	1001 3c Colorado	1020 3c Louisiana	1067 3c Armed F.	1090 3c Steel
946 3c Pulitzer	985 3c G. A. R.	1002 3c Chemical	1022 3c Bar Assn.	1068 3c Stone F.	1091 3c Jamestown
947 3c Centen.	987 3c Bankers	1003 3c Brooklyn	1023 3c Sagamore	1069 3c Soo Locks	1092 3c Oklahoma
949 3c Doctors	989 3c Freedom	1004 3c B. Ross	1024 3c Farmers	1070 3c Atoms P.	1093 3c Teachers
950 3c Utah	990 3c W. House	1005 3c 4-H Club	1025 3c Trucking	1071 3c Ticonder.	1097 3c Lafayette
951 3c Constitut.	991 3c S. Court	1007 3c A. A. A.	1026 3c G. Patton	1073 3c Franklin	1098 3c Crane
952 3c Everglades	992 3c Capitol	1010 3c Lafayette	1027 3c 300 Ann.	1074 3c B. Wash.	1099 3c Rel. Free.
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1922-25	1935	804 .08	837 2.75	881 .50	819 .85	968 .30	1040 .48	1107 .20
552 .70	754 .80	805 .10	838 1.25	884 1.00	820 .80	969 .20	1041 1.05	1108 .25
554 .55	755 .10	806 .14	839 .35	885 1.50	821 .80	970 .20	1042 .75	1109 .25
558 .80	756 .10	807 .15	840 .40	886 .65	(6) 1.00	971 .30	1044 .60	1110 .25
1928	(10) 2.50	808 .35	853 .50	887 .80	821 .80	972 .22	1046 .90	1111 .80
649 1.50	772 .27	809 .75	854 1.10	888 .80	(6) 2.25	973 .50	1047 1.20	1112 .20
1929	773 .32	810 .30	855 .70	889 .15	1945-46	974 .20	1048 1.50	1113 .16
681 1.50	774 .35	811 .35	856 1.10	890 .20	922 .40	975 .35	1049 1.60	1114 .20
1931	*774 .45	812 .45	857 .30	891 .50	923 .35	976 .35	1050 1.10	1115 .20
1932	776 .25	813 .50	858 .30	892 1.35	924 .35	977 .20	1051 2.50	1116 .20
*690 1.70	778 .25	814 .50	859 .15	1941-43	925 .65	978 .25	1052 5.25	1117 .20
702 .50	779 .25	815 .55	860 .25	903 .65	926 .35	979 .20	1053 25.00	1118 .80
703 .40	780 .25	816 .75	861 .30	904 .50	927 .20	980 .35		1119 .20
*703 .60	781 .18	817 .85	862 .30	905 .20	928 .25			
704 .70	782 .15	818 .90	863 .65	906 .20	929 .20			
(10) 1.45	783 .18	819 .95	864 .30	907 .20	930 .08			
1932	784 .25	820 .85	865 .25	908 .25	931 .15			
709 .80	785 .25	821 1.35	866 .25	909 1.45	932 .20			
725 2.50	786 .12	822 1.50	867 .25	910 .40	933 .30			
1933	787 .16	823 1.75	868 .25	911 .40	934 .18			
726 1.75	788 .24	824 1.80	869 .25	912 .40	935 .18			
1934	789 .24	825 1.80	870 .25	913 .40	936 .18			
727 .25	790 .24	826 1.75	871 .25	914 .40	937 .18			
*740 .20	791 .24	827 2.50	872 .80	915 .40	938 .18			
*741 .25	792 .24	828 2.10	873 .30	916 .40	939 .18			
*742 .50	793 .24	829 1.35	874 .25	917 .40	940 .18			
743 .75	794 .24	830 1.65	875 .25	918 .40	941 .18			
*743 1.00	795 .24	831 1.10	876 .25	919 .40	942 .18			
*744 .90	796 .24	832 6.00	877 .25	920 .40	943 .18			
*745 1.50	797 .24	833 26.00	878 .25	921 .40	944 .18			
*746 2.00	798 .24	834 32.50	879 .25	922 .40	945 .18			
*747 2.80	799 .24	835 .90	880 .25	923 .40	946 .18			
*748 2.50	800 .24	836 .95	881 .25	924 .40	947 .18			
*749 2.95			882 .25	925 .40	948 .18			

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C5	4.40	
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C7	1.40	.05
C8	2.00	.40
C9	3.40	.15
C1050	
C1125	.08
C1270	.08
C13	18.50	
C14	38.95	
C15	63.50	
C16	.....	.35	.04
C17	.....	.20	.04
C18	.....	6.90	
C19	.....	1.25	.02
C20	.....	3.20	.05
C21	.....	4.75	.20
C22	.....	6.00	1.00
C23	.....	1.00	.02
C24	.....	1.05	
C25	.....	.30	.02
C26	.....	.50	.02
C27	.....	.95	.04
C28	.....	1.50	.05
C29	.....	1.40	.04
C30	.....	1.90	.05
C31	.....	4.10	.20
C32	.....	.25	.02
C33	.....	.25	.02
C34	.....	.12	.04
C35	.....	.70	.17
C36	.....	1.30	.05
C37	.....	1.10	.20
C38	.....	.30	.02
C39	.....	Booklet	1.00 each
C40	.....	.80	.07
C41	.....	.80	.18
C42	.....	1.50	.35
C43	.....	1.45	.30
C44	3.80	.90
C4535	.08
C4670	.02
C4745	.10
C48	Booklet	1.25 each
C4935	.05
C5035	.05

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701 3.50	937 3.35	985 2.20	1033 2.20	1086 1.70	1118 6.55
718 3.25	938 1.70	986 1.70	1034 1.65	1087 1.70	1119 2.25
739 3.25	943 1.70	989 1.85	1035 2.15	1090 1.70	1120 .25
772 2.40	944 1.70	1000 1.75	1037 2.65	1093 1.70	1121 .325
774 2.20	945 2.45	1005 1.70	1038 5.20	1094 3.10	1122 2.25
777 2.75	947 1.70	1006 1.85	1040 7.25	1095 2.85	1123 2.25
857 2.50	950 1.70	1008 3.70	1041 8.25	1096 4.70	1124 2.25
900 2.50	953 2.45	1011 1.70	1043 9.25	1097 1.70	1125 3.25
904 2.20	955 1.70	1012 1.70	1065 1.70	1099 1.70	1126 6.55
909-21	956 1.70	1013 1.70	1066 4.75	1100 1.70	1127 3.25
42.00	957 1.70	1017 1.70	1068 1.70	1104 1.75	1128 2.25
922 2.10	959 1.70	1018 3.20	1070 1.70	1105 2.45	1129 4.45
923 1.95	960 2.45	1019 1.70	1074 1.70	1106 1.75	1130 2.25
924 1.90	961 1.70	1021 3.00	1076 1.70	1107 1.75	1131 2.25
925 2.25	962 1.70	1022 1.70	1078 1.80	1108 1.75	1132 2.25
926 1.90	963 3.25	1024 1.70	1079 1.80	1109 1.75	1133 3.30
927 1.80	972 1.80	1026 1.70	1080 1.70	1110 3.35	1134 5.75
928 2.70	973 2.70	1027 1.70	1081 1.70	1112 2.25	1135 3.75
929 1.70	980 1.80	1029 1.85	1083 1.70	1113 .85	1136 5.60
934 1.70	981 1.75	1030 1.70	1084 1.80	1114 1.70	1137 5.50
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90	12	166	.10	213	.15	B28	.08
100	15	168	.15	214	.20	B29	.12
102	40	169	.12	235	.12	B30	.20
103	125	173	.18	236	.12	B31	.10
104	18	176	.10	237	.05	B32	.12
107	20	177	.12	238	.12	B33	.20
115	15	180	.15	239	.18	B34	.30
134	10	182	.12	240	.12	B35	.05
135	10	183	.12	241	.15	B36	.06
136	10	191	.12	259	.12	B37	.15
137	30	194	.10	C9	.12	B38	.20
140	30	195	.80	C13	.10	B39	.08
140	10	200	.20	C14	.12	B40	.10
141	10	201	.10	C21	.12	B41	.18
144	10	202	.18	C24	.18	B42	.28
145	15	203	.12	C25	.15	B43	.10
146	25	204	.25	C26	.15	B44	.10
148	18	205	.25	C27	.15	B45	.12
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161	12	230	.15	C44	.70		

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84	10	195	.10	230	.15	267	.15
130	15	196	.15	231	.15	268	.20
141	25	198	.15	232	.20	269	.10
150	10	199	.15	233	.20	270	.10
153	15	201	.12	235	.18	C26	.45
154	12	202	.18	237	.25	C27	.12
155	12	203	.15	239	1.40	J23	.12
156	40	204	.35	247	.15	B41	.25
159	30	205	.40	250	.18	B42	.25
164	15	206	1.50	251	.24	B43	.25
165	15	207	3.20	252	.24	B44	.25
166	30	223	.18	253	.10	B45	.40
175	.65	225	.12	260	.10	B46	.65
179	40	226	.12	261	.12	B55	1.20
187	10	227	.12	262	.12	B62	.30
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Zanzibar—The sales figures from
the Crown Agents regarding the
Zanzibar definitive set, withdrawn
August 26, 1957 reveal that only 22-
145 complete sets can exist, for that
is the total number of the 7/50 value
sold. Most use was made of the
10c item—over 3,000,000 were sold.
The set appeared Aug. 26, 1952.

Malaya-Kedah—The 1957 definitives
of this State were withdrawn
June 30. The \$2 value received less
use than the rest, only 41,424 having
been sold; of this total 30,229 were
disposed of locally. Total sales of the
\$5 denomination showed 58,935 with
49,237 being sold in Kedah.

New Zealand—The first official air-
mail in New Zealand was carried
by a Boeing seaplane from Auckland
to Dargaville, December 16,
1919. The return flight also carried
mail. Special flights to commemo-
rate the 40th anniversary of this
event were made on the same route
by amphibian aircraft this past De-
cember 16. Airmails were carried
and special date stamps were pro-
vided by the Post Office.

The 3d Pan-Pacific Scout Jam-
boree which was withdrawn March
31 sold 8,991,166 copies. The Marl-
borough Centennial set withdrawn
May 31 shows sales figures of: 2d—
7,973,028; 3d—14,456,521; 8d—1,384,
456. No figures are available yet on
the Red Cross stamp. (New Zealand
Post Office Philatelic Bulletin).

Reflections—British Central Africa,
first issue, 1895. Negotiations for
the first issue of the Nyasaland or
British Central Africa's own stamps
were started with a letter dated
December 11, 1894. It was written by
Sir Harry Johnston, H. M. Commis-
sioner and Consul General for the
Protectorate to the firm of De La Rue.

In it Mr. Johnston went into great
detail about the design of the stamps,
and listed his suggestions for the

colors of the various denominations.
He was very definite in his descrip-
tion of the Coat of Arms and deeply
concerned with printing costs.
His interest extended even to the
position of the rivers and lakes on
the map of the area under the fig-
ures supporting the shield.

De La Rue submitted a number
of essays and after further adjust-
ments in the design were made, ap-
proval was forthcoming December
26, 1894. On April 17, 1895 De La
Rue advised the Crown Agents that
the stamps would be ready for ship-
ment in a week.

The first invoice consigned the fol-
lowing quantities: 1d—102,240; 2d—
51,480; 4d—101,160; 6d—199,560; 1/-
— 100,320; 2/6—97,080; 3/-—99,600;
5/-49, 200; 1 Pound—49,040; £10—
600; and £25—6.

Some disappointment was ex-
pressed when the issue reached the
Protectorate, as many persons felt
that the surface printed stamps were
below the quality of the recess printed
British South Africa stamps over-
printed B.C.A., which had been used
previously.

These objections dissolved when it
was explained the previous copper-
plate method of printing would be
more costly. However, further trouble
of a more serious nature then
developed.

Apparently, stamps of this new
issue began to appear on the London
market. Just how this came about is
not clear, but the resulting investiga-
tion by the Crown Agents dis-
closed the fact that the paper used
for printing the stamps was un-
watermarked. This was contrary to
all their security principles.

After further exchange of corre-
spondence involving Mr. Johnston,
De La Rue, The Crown Agents, and
Whitfield, King, the situation was
resolved and subsequent printings of
additional stamps were made on
"Crown and C.A." and "Crown and
C.C." watermarked paper.

The stamps inscribed British Central
Africa were short-lived, lasting
only until 1907. Then a readjustment
by the Colonial Office resulted in a
change of name to Nyasaland Pro-
tectorate.

As was usual with many small un-
developed countries, the top values
of the definitive sets were seldom
used for postage and when found,
generally bear fiscal cancellations.

VAPEX Cachets For APS Spring Meeting

The spring meeting of the Ameri-
can Philatelic Society will be held
March 4-6 at the Hotel John Mar-
shall, Richmond, Va. There will be a
large exhibition, highlighted by the
August Dietz "Confederate States"
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in the occasion will be Richmond's
mayor, A. Scott Anderson, and the
state's governor, J. Lindsey Almond,
Jr. Attractive non-philatelic activi-
ties are being scheduled for those
who may not be interested in
stamps.

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office branch with special cancel-
ling device marking the occasion. A
set of three cacheted covers is of-
fered at 50c per set, by VAPEX,
Box 515, Richmond, Va. They depict
respectively the colonial capitol at
Williamsburg, the White House of
the Confederacy at Richmond, and
the state capitol there. Seals are
three for 10c.

Copies of the prospectus, a four-
color Hotel John Marshall brochure,
and other details are available from
VAPEX at the above address.

References: "British Central Africa",
Fred J. Melville and "The
De La Rue History of British and
Foreign Postage Stamps", John
Easton).

Inverted Watermarks—Mrs. C. C.
Cary, Deweyville, Texas, reports sev-
eral from Great Britain and Aus-
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654 2c Edison	.08 .07	C15 \$2.60 Zepp	50.00 36.00	902 3c Emancipation	3.50
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10c—R19c, R22c, R68c, R70c, R78c		10c—R22c, R23, R26, R27, R28, R29, R30		10c—R24c, R24b, R25c, R25b, R25c, R25d		45c—R24c, R25c, R26c, R27c, R28c, R29c	
10c—R24c, R24b, R25c, R25b, R25c, R25d		10c—R24c, R24b, R25c, R25b, R25c, R25d		10c—R24c, R24b, R25c, R25b, R25c, R25d		45c—R24c, R25c, R26c, R27c, R28c, R29c	
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15c—C24, E2, E9, J1, O16, O20, O37, O50		15c—216, 248, 270, 282c, 283, 286, 324		15c—216, 248, 270, 282c, 283, 286, 324		55c—R68c, E2, O3, O15, O20, O38, O79	
15c—O72, O73, O85, O89, O91, O92		15c—216, 248, 270, 282c, 283, 286, 324		15c—216, 248, 270, 282c, 283, 286, 324		55c—O86, O89, O90, Q13, R44a, R46a	
15c—R63c, R65c, R71c, R84c, R85c		15c—216, 248, 270, 282c, 283, 286, 324		15c—216, 248, 270, 282c, 283, 286, 324		55c—R68a, R68c, R71c, R78, R803, R83a	
20c—145, 187, 215, 236, 237, 328, 340		15c—216, 248, 270, 282c, 283, 286, 324		15c—216, 248, 270, 282c, 283, 286, 324		55c—R21a, R21b, R21c, R21d, R21e, R21f	
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The vast amount of work necessary to produce provisional issues to meet the Ryukyus Islands' shift from the B-yen to the U. S. Dollar as a basis for that nation's monetary system did not reach the "breathing spell" state for 15 months. The December 20, 1959 release of five overprinted values on five earlier "Flying Goddess" airmails was needed to meet the Dollar equivalents of newly scheduled rates. The full set is shown on the above first day cover, complete with a cachet complementing the design of the adhesives.

Dollar Based Provisionals Of Ryukyus Now Include Airmails, Aerograms And Other Material

When the currency change-over from the B-yen to the U.S. Dollar basis took place in the Ryukyus in September 1958, the provisional Dollar set of ordinary postage stamps was intended to take care of airmail needs. However, the large volume of airmail and the need for high values soon threatened to consume existing stocks of stamps.

In addition, the Ryukyus postal system which formerly provided only first-class airmail, expanded its airmail service to include second- and third-class mail. This created some odd rates which were difficult to pay with current stamps.

In October 1959, a new first-class airmail rate structure went into effect which placed the airmail fee for each 10 grams or fraction thereof at 9c for domestic (Japan) and 14c, 19c, 27c, and 35c for Zones I to IV, respectively.

To provide stamps for these rates, the 1957 airmail set in yen was surcharged as follows: 9c on 15y., 14c on 20y., 19c on 35y., 27c on 45y., and 35c on 60y. The 14c and 27c overprints were in pale violet blue; the others, in red.

Apparently a master plate of 50 subjects was made for the surcharging and the 5 different values inserted as required. Therefore, the same plate varieties appear on all values. Noticeable ones are the short lower bar on stamps number 14 and 15 and the break in the vertical stroke of "c" on No. 36.

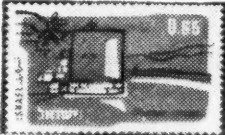
The overprints vary mainly in the extension of this stroke of "c" above the "c". In Type A the stroke protrudes about 1mm. In Type B, it is barely discernable. In Type C, it is non-existent.

Type A is found on numbers 3, 7, 9, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25, 27, 36, and 41-47.

Type B is found on numbers 1, 2, 6, 8, 11-14, 17-19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 30, 35, 37, 39, 48, and 50.

New Israeli Airmail Set In Agorot Values

February 24 has been set as day of issue for the new trio of Israeli airmail stamps in the agorot values, according to Jacques Minkus of the Israel Philatelic Agency in New York. Values will be of 15, 20 and 65 agorot, photogravure printed on unwatermarked paper. Designs will depict landscapes of the nation.



The 15a. mauve and black will bear a scene from Zefat (Safad), while the 20a. bright green and black will depict one from Ashqelon. The high value 65a. bright blue and black — the only one in horizontal format — will be dedicated to Tiberias. Printing will be in sheets of 20, with tabs below the bottom row of five.

Mr. Minkus added that according to official reports from overseas, cacheted first day covers will be available in a size similar to that of the Settlements Jubilee issue. FDC's will be serviced with the Jerusalem postmark of the day of issue.

Foster New President Of Inland Empire Club

The Inland Empire Philatelic Society of Spokane, Wash. has announced the recent election of Howard R. Foster as president, J. L. Havlick vice president and Mrs. M. L. Johnson secretary-treasurer for 1960.

The group meets at 7:30 p. m. on fourth Tuesdays in the Spokane Courthouse. Visitors are always welcome. Mrs. Johnson can be reached at 2503 W. Francis, Spokane 16, Wash. for further details.

to mention that revenue stamps were converted at the same time the postage stamps were replaced. However, as a security measure, no surcharged revenue stamps were made.

Instead, a complete new issue in Dollar currency was issued with the same old design. This set consisted of 1, 3, 5, 10, and 50c; \$1, \$5 and \$10 denominations. A set with the same values but in a new design soon replaced the provisional set.

As a final word, it might not be amiss to urge U. S. collectors to pick up these sets while they are still current. Sets are on sale by dealers at slightly above face.

The popular demand for these issues and the fact that 80 to 90 per cent of them are used up in ordinary postal business and lost to collectors will make them scarce as soon as they are off sale.

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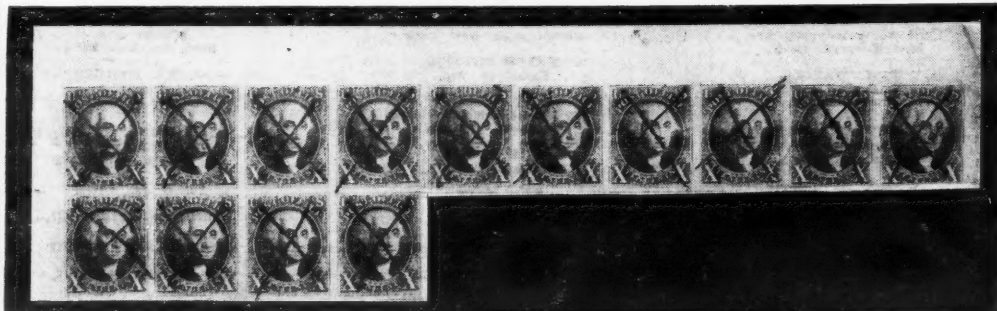
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one out of hundreds that have turned out as a decent speculation and few bought it in quantity as they remembered what a lemon the Cipex sheet was.

Speculation in stamps has become a curse on the hobby, those who are holding the bag are common collectors and misguided people with capital who have been talked into stamps as an investment. The smart dealers do not get caught in these situations for all they need for stock is a very limited quantity and if the price does advance they can still buy all they can sell at a price and sell at a bit more and still make their profit. The poor misguided collector carries the wholesale stock for them and there is always a supply available for ordinary trade.

Now it has come to pass that dealers themselves are entering into the game of urging speculation rather than stamp collecting. If the stamp dealers were smart as they should be, they would advise every one of their customers to buy only a single copy of any stamp, buy as many different varieties as possible, refuse blocks and sheets, build a collection based on variety and not on bulk which comes with blocks and sheets.

United Nations were pounced on by dealers and pushed to the limit. Then came Israel which also got the bum's rush after being touted in blocks, sheets, etc.

Today we have other countries coming into the game with the establishment of Philatelic Agencies here in America and pushing the sale of their stamps far beyond the normal quantities required for supplying collectors. Thousands of these collectors are buying in blocks and sheets looking for a profit on a future sale. This is a bad situation as this sort of material will soon become a load that the market can not carry.

It is going to do immense harm to stamp collecting and can do great damage to what has been a lovely hobby.

Competition for the privilege of representing a country as a philatelic agency has become so keen that big dealers are fighting for the privilege. The stakes are big and the poor collector in the end is going to have to carry the burden unless he awakens and mends his ways of collecting.

One man now controls the Agencies of several countries. The first one so taken over was on the basis of a 25% discount from face value for the stamps. The Agency controls the quantities issued but these will always be sufficient to supply all the collectors who buy. These issues are pushed in the philatelic press, small dealers all jump in for a share of the business and as soon as the market is saturated another issue will be prepared and the game starts over again. When several such agencies get operating, how long do you think it is going to take for the collector to realize that he can not keep on buying and buying. These things will eventually flop and many collectors will be holding the bag and no place to unload.

Latest to be announced was an Agency for Surinam. Now comes an announcement from a new group which has made agency arrangements with Guatemala. There are rumors that Italian Somaliland is about to get into the game. All these countries will keep you supplied as long as you have a dime to buy with and new issues will come as fast as you can absorb them.

Again we say, a curse on all Philatelic Agencies, especially those that are farmed out to private individuals rather than operated by the Government.

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Approximately 18 Ryukyuan designers have worked on the stamps and postal stationery of the Ryukyu Islands. During the early days of the postal administration, it was the custom to hold competitions whenever new issues were contemplated. This custom has been replaced in recent years by the Stamp Advisory Committee.

The members of this committee in 1958 were S. Yamada, M. Adaniya, S. Isagawa, and S. Tamanaha. These men have taken turns at designing stamps and postal stationery of the Ryukyus since the Historical Sites series of 1952.

The word is that all concerned are now very patiently waiting for Mr. Yamada to produce the designs for the first definitive issue of Ryukyu airmails in U. S. Dollar currency. These are expected in the spring of 1960.

Mr. Yamada is the ranking designer of this group. He was born in Naha, Okinawa, in 1885. He studied in the Tokyo Academy of Art under the direction of Japanese sculptors and artists. In 1910, he taught design and sculpture in Peiping. His paintings were prized by Dr. Sun Yat-sen and some of them are now owned by the royal family of Japan.

Currently Mr. Yamada is supervising the construction of a huge Buddha in Okinawa which he had designed. His contributions to Ryukyu stamp designs include the second and third airmail sets, the Commodore Perry 6 yen value and the New Year stamp for 1959.

Another ranking designer of many talents is Prof. Adaniya of the Art Department of Ryukyu University. He was born in Tokyo in 1921 and settled in Shuri after graduating from the Tokyo Academy of Art in 1944. He spent his childhood in Okinawa.

Prof. Adaniya designed the I Tree, 3y. Perry, II Newspaper, Sweet Potato, the Cultural and Dancer series, the 4c Moth and the 13c and 17c definitives of the U. S. based issue. He also designed the crown series of postcards, the 1959-60 New Year card and the Christmas seals for 1953-6 and 1958. He worked with Mr. Isagawa on the Dollar based provisionals.

Mr. shiro is a professional artist who has designed a large number of stamps. He was born and raised in Okinawa and has studied oil painting at the Tokyo Academy of Art. He works in a studio in his home in Shuri. He designed the 5y. of the regular issue and the borders of the third regular (Historical Sites) issue, the I Newspaper, II Tree and Telephone commemorative. He worked with Mr. Kakino-hana on the 1955 New Year card.

Mr. Isagawa, born in Naha in 1917, studied at the Tokyo Academy of Arts. He now manages an art designing shop in Naha. He designed the I, II and IV New Year stamps, the III Newspaper, the Shuri Gate commemorative, the definitive Dollar-based 3c and 8c values, and worked with Prof. Adaniya on the Dollar provisionals. He also designed the 1958 New Year card.

Among the younger designers is Mr. Ashtomi, an instructor in the art department of Ryukyus University. He was born in Naha in 1930 and graduated from Ryukyu University in 1954. His design for the Government stamp won out in competition. He designed the 12y, 15y, and 15c aerograms.

Another young designer is Mr. Tamanaha who was born in Okinawa in 1918. He graduated from the Tokyo Academy of Art in 1944, and excels in oil painting and sculpture work. He lives with the artist group in the Shuri hills. He designed Ryukyu's first miniature sheet, the X Anniversary commemorative; the III Tree, the definitive Dollar-based 1/2c value, and the 1957 New Year card.

The list of designers would not be complete without a mention of Mr. Kakinohana, the former chief of the GRI Philatelic Agency and now Chief of the Postal Inspectorate. Mr. Kakinohana was born in Tamashiro, Okinawa, in 1917 and studied at Nippon University in Tokyo.

He designed the first New Year card in 1955 jointly with Mr. Oshiro, but his chief contributions have been the large number of commemorative cancellations and especially, cachets. Some of his outstanding designs are the cachets on various Newspaper commemorative first day covers, those for the Perry commemoratives the airmails.

Individual designs he has created include those used by various post-offices for the Government commemorative, the inaugural of money order service to Japan and the Ernie Pyle scenic cancellation for Ie Shima.

AN OUTLINE (Continued from page 1)

There are numerous breaks in the frame lines which existed at the beginning and others which developed as the plates began to wear. Foreign matter often created marks on the designs which run through hundreds of sheets. Details include:

1/2c (No. 44 orange) — 1,000,000 printed in bright, yellow and deep orange. Plate varieties include broken second character in No. 66 and a dot at the upper right in No. 78. Copies are found on 80-pound paper. This value was intended for the local newspaper rate.

1c (No. 45 yellow green) — 1,000,000 printed in light, pale, yellow, gray, blue, and deep green. Copies on creamy paper may exist.

2c (No. 46 dark blue) — 1,000,000 printed in pale, bright, gray, and Prussian blue. Stamp No. 41 has a retouched frame line.

3c (No. 47 deep carmine) — 3,000,000 printed in pink, pale, bright, and deep red. No. 10 comes with the left frame line partially doubled. No. 94 has a major break in the bottom frame line. No. 100 is higher than other dies. This value is for local first-class mail.

4c (No. 48 briget green) — 1,000,000 printed in pale and light green. Upper right corner of No. 40 missing.

5c (No. 49 orange) — 1,000,000 printed in ochre, burnt sienna, and light, yellow and orange brown. Copies exist on 80-pound paper. No. 99 comes with broken frame line.

10c (No. 50 aquamarine) — 1,000,000 printed in light and deep turquoise. Nos. 33 and 42 have retouched right frame lines. No. 88 has a large dot at center left. Hairlines are found at the lower left of the

design on No. 62, at the upper right of the design on No. 91 and at the center of the design on No. 92.

25c (No. 51 bright blue violet) — 500,000 printed in pale, light and blue violet. Copies exist on gray paper. No. 21 has a curved left frame line.

50c (No. 52 gray) — 250,000 printed in light and blackish gray. No. 7 has a heavy right frame line. No. 15 has a repaired right frame line. No. 19 has two hairlines above "Ryu". No. 59 has a "5" with a broken tip.

\$1 (No. 53 rose lilac) — 250,000 printed in light and dark red violet. Copies exist on yellowish gray paper.

The postoffice took no special notice of the first day of issue of either the U. S. Dollar provisionals or the surcharged airmails. FDC's received the ordinary black date cancellation. All kinds of fancy printed cachets were made by cover dealers.

The first day cancellation for the provisional set reads "9. 16. 58". That for the airmails reads "20. 12. 59" which is the correct date. The information sheet issued by the Public Information Office had erroneously reported the first day as December 15, and many newspapers carried this date.

Several types of privately made cachet covers repeat the theme of

the Flying Goddess in the original color of the stamps.

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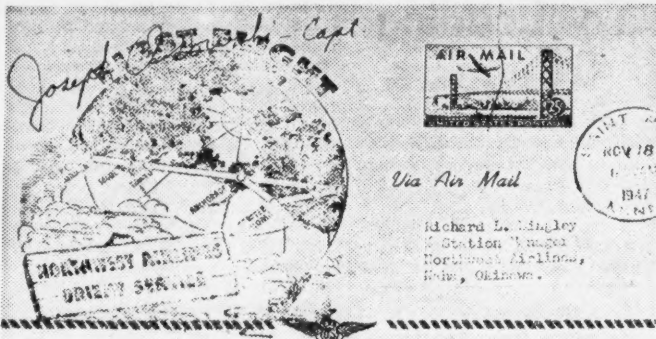
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Indicative of the early postwar problems of commercial aviation is the above cover flown on the Northwest Airlines first St. Paul-Okinawa flight of November 18, 1947. In some instances the November 18 postmark was struck over one of September 25 at which time it had been hoped to begin the service. There was no official cachet; covers received the one previously prepared for the July first flight to Tokyo.

Review Of Ryukyuan Postwar Airmail Developments Points Up Events Of Unusual Interest

Belmont Faries

On May 26, 1947 more than two years after the American landings on Okinawa, an international mail exchange office began operations in Naha, giving the people of the Ryukyus their first postal connection with the world beyond Japan. American occupation forces, of course, had been served from the beginning by army and fleet post offices.

Civilian air service to the Orient had not yet been restored, but two American air lines were pushing toward Asia as fast as limited facilities and military authorities would permit.

Pan American Airways, Inc., which had operated the prewar trans-Pacific route from San Francisco via Honolulu to Manila, Hong Kong and Singapore (U. S. Foreign Air Mail Contract Route No. 14), was pressing final preparations for a route via Manila to Calcutta, India to connect with its route 18 in a round-the-world service.

Northwest Airlines, Inc., already serving Anchorage, Alaska, also was aiming for Manila by the Great Circle route, which would provide the shortest link with Japan.

Both companies had plans to use Naha in Okinawa as a port of call, Pan American as a stop on the flight west from Guam to Shanghai and Northwest on a dog-leg hop from Shanghai south to Manila.

Pan American flew into Naha first, on the San Francisco-Shanghai first flight June 3-6, 1947. No mail was handled at Naha. Northwest reached Manila on July 21, on a flight from Minneapolis-St. Paul via Anchorage, Tokyo and Shanghai, by-passing Okinawa.

Tokyo was authorized to dispatch on this route (F.A.M. 28) on August 29, and the first American dispatches to Japan were made September 6. First Pan American dispatches from San Francisco to Tokyo on Route 14 reached Tokyo on September 28, on a hop from Wake, eliminating Guam as a port of call.

San Francisco-Naha, FAM 14

On November 1, 1947 airmail dispatches from the United States to Naha were authorized. On the following day, San Francisco made its initial dispatch. The letter of authorization apparently was delayed in reaching Honolulu, and the first dispatch to Naha from Hawaii was made December 1. No covers are known from either of these flights.

Minneapolis-Naha, FAM 28

Due to various complications both in Okinawa and in the United States, Northwest was not able to begin flights into Okinawa until the third week in November.

The schedule called for flights leaving the United States on Tuesday by way of Anchorage, Tokyo and Shanghai to reach Naha on Thursday, and continue on to Manila. The return trip from Manila to Shanghai en route to the United States stopped at Naha on Mondays.

The first flight bearing mail for the Ryukyus left Minneapolis-St. Paul early on November 18 and arrived in Naha at 8:57 p.m. local time on November 20.

Only Minneapolis Air Mail Field and the St. Paul post office had dispatches on this flight. Both were postmarked November 18, some St. Paul mail by applying the new date over a September 25 cancellation.

Some covers show a Naha backstamp of November 25, five days after arrival. Similar delays on later flights suggest that the Naha postmark was applied not on arrival but when the covers were placed in the mails for return to sender.

No official cachet was prepared, but St. Paul covers received the

same air line cachet used for the July inauguration of the U. S.-Manila service, the Northwest Orient route marked on a globe. It was applied in blue.

Tokyo-Naha, FAM 28

First flight covers prepared in Tokyo with the cooperation of the air line are postmarked either November 18 or November 26. They apparently were flown into Naha on November 27, when the second weekly plane on the new route came through. The Northwest Orient service cachet was applied in violet, with a straight-line "Tokyo-Okinawa" added in red.

No figures are available on the number of first flights covers into Naha, but military government records show only 211 pieces of airmail received during November 1947.

Seattle-Naha, FAM 28

Seattle, Northwest's alternate terminal in the United States, did not make its first dispatch to Naha until late December. Covers are canceled at Seattle Air Mail Field at 7 p.m. December 23.

Anchorage-Naha, FAM 28

Anchorage dispatched 32 covers to Naha late in February. They are postmarked at 1 p.m. February 17, 1948.

Naha-U.S.A., FAM 14 and 28

Late in February 1948 the Pan American and Northwest station managers in Naha were notified that airmail dispatches would be permitted on Routes 14 and 28. Interested Americans were advised and prepared their covers early in March. At this time Ryukyu native areas were still off limits to American personnel and even official business such as handling airmail was conducted through military government personnel.

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ble sitting inside a large quonset hut with mail bags and Okinawans covering the balance of the space."

Airmail rates had been set at 8 yen to Japan, 13 to the Philippines and Hawaii, and 16 to the United States. The military B-yen was fixed at 50 to the Dollar, making the U. S. rate the equivalent of 32c.

The number of yen paid in postage was indicated on each envelope, either in manuscript, as "16 yen paid" or just the manuscript figure in the "sen/yen paid" handstamped box. There was confusion in the rates, however. Covers for Manila showed both the 8 and 13y. rates, and covers for the United States are variously marked 13y., 13y. corrected to 16y. or 16y.

Okinawa postal officials are said to have used a piece of rubber from an old inner tube to prepare a cachet designed very much like the boxed "International Air Mail First Flight From Japan 1947" of the year before. It reads "International Air Mail First Flight From Ryukyu" and was applied in purple ink which at times appears almost black.

In addition to the official cachet, Northwest had its own, a red plane and palm tree design against a circle background, with the legend "First Air Mail Flight From Okinawa F.A.M. 28 Northwest Orient Airlines".

This was applied to all company mail and to probably the largest single batch of covers, about 250 prepared in Northwest's Naha office for the late Bernard W. Jacobson, who sent out 260 covers in all.

Americans in Naha expected their covers to go out on Monday March 15, 1948. The first dispatch was made on that date, but it was to the

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A Study Of The 1958-59 Issues Of The Ryukyus

The Ryukyus marked the tenth anniversary of the country's first postage stamp with a "stamps on stamp" design on a 4 yen commemorative issued July 1, 1958. This large multicolored adhesive was issued in sheets of 10.

The change-over to American money in September 1958 called for complete new issues of adhesives and postal stationery. A provisional set of 1/2c to \$1 was printed and issued in mid-September as a general purpose set. The 2 yen single and double Shrine cards surcharged 1/2c and the 15y. aerogram surcharged 13c were released along with the set.

Just about this time, an earlier order of reprints of various yen values reached Naha. Among these was a small quantity of the 50 sen (Scott No. 8). There had already been two printings of this stamp in 1950-1, so this made the third printing. (The same is not true of the rest of the set).

This stamp was on sale for only a few days and was sold out even before the deadline arrived for the sale of yen stamps in the Okinawa postoffices. Its gum, paper, and printing are quite different from the earlier issues. Naturally very few were used, but the stamp is not scarce.

The other values that were reprinted are still in the postoffice vault. Like the airmails mentioned below, these reprints may be used for surcharging purposes.

In October, the first commemorative stamp in American currency was issued to honor the restoration of Shurei Gate. This large multicolored item comes in sheets of ten with a suitable legend on the selvage. First day covers were cancelled at the site in Shuri and at the Naha post office.

In December, the 1 1/2c Lion Dance New Year stamp was issued in sheets of 50. No special cancellation or cachet was used. About the same time, a 1 1/2c New Year card depicting a toy ball was issued. The year-end Anti-TB seal also came out at this time in perforated and imperforated sheets of 20. These depicted a Dragon Boat race in progress.

The 3c Arbor Week stamp of April 1959 came in sheets of 50. A circular commemorative cancellation was applied to FDC's. The whole activity is for promoting the "make Ryukyus green" movement.

Single and double definitive postcards of 1 1/2c value, depicting a toy horseman, were issued in June without any special markings. These were printed locally to meet urgent needs while waiting for the printing order from Japan.

In July, a 3c Yonaguni moth stamp was issued to mark the holding of an All-Japan Biological Education Conference in Shuri. The

AIRMAIL DEVELOPMENTS
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Philippines, not the United States. A plane piloted by Capt. William Wallace with Vinton R. Hanson as first officer arrived from Shanghai late in the day and took off at 9:35 p.m. with mail for Manila. Some of these covers show a March 16 backstamp.

The same plane and crew returned to Naha early on Wednesday March 17, taking off at 6:55 a.m. for Shanghai with mail for Japan and the United States. Some of this had been postmarked on March 15, some on March 17.

Mail carried on this flight was pouched for Tokyo, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Washington, Chicago, and New York, apparently by Okinawan postal clerks with a limited knowledge of American geography. Covers addressed to cities in California were placed in the New York pouch. So were covers for Seattle and Anchorage. Those for St. Paul went to Minneapolis.

Covers carried on the flight are backstamped March 18 in Tokyo, 3 p.m. March 18 at Minneapolis Air Mail Field (a day is lost on the eastward crossing of the international date line), and at 6:30 a.m. March 19 at the New York G.P.O.

Mr. Jacobson's lot of covers arrived at St. Louis without backstamps and the addressee was called to the post office by a clerk who had to be talked out of affixing postage due stamps, since there were no postage stamps on the envelopes, and apparently nothing in postal regulations about envelopes marked "16 yen paid".

Pan American's agent in Naha posted his covers on March 8, but was not able to get them off and several were sent to the United States through APO channels. A schedule change effective March 15 brought the Shanghai-San Francisco plane in on Thursday, March 18, so

sheets come in 50-stamp format and a commemorative cancel was used.

In August, definitive U. S. Dollar stamps printed in Japan went on sale. This set of 1/2c to 17c values in regular sheets of 100, will be augmented with additional values in 1960.

Sometime in November, a very small issue of the 13c surcharged on 12y. aerogram was placed on sale. There was no advance notice of this action and the reported quantity of 2000 was soon sold out. About this time, the new 15c aerogram which was printed in Tokyo, arrived. Its design is very similar to that of the 15y. aerogram.

Year-end New Year Anti-TB seals were issued in perforated and imperforated sheets of 20. The violet design depicted artistic Okinawan cloth designs.

Metered mail labels had apparently been in use by the APQ's for sometime, but have only recently come to the notice of collectors. Needless to say, an APO meter is a collectible and inexpensive item.

Early in December, the 1 1/2c New Year stamp, a strikingly beautiful toy shield on a brilliant gold background, went on sale.

Designed by Shin Ishigawa and printed in sheets of 50 by the Japan Printing Bureau, it exceeds in beauty any stamp produced in any other part of the world. It has to be seen to be appreciated as photographs cannot reproduce its striking colors. At the same time, the 1 1/2c New Year card depicting a boy riding a carp was issued.

The year 1959 closed on a high note with the announcement by the Ryukyu Philatelic Agency that a new airmail set was due since airmail rates had been changed October 15.

The new rates are 9c to Japan; 14c for Zone I (Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macao, Philippines, Korea); 19c for Zone II (Australia and areas not already named in other zones); 27c for Zone III (U. S. and Canada); and 35c for Zone IV (rest of the world). These rates are for each 10 grams or fraction thereof.

To provide exact values for these rates, the post office announced

the covers were again postmarked on March 17.

The first Pan American dispatch on March 18 arrived in Honolulu on March 19 and covers have been reported with a 9 a.m. March 19 Honolulu backstamp. The plane was scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on March 20.

No exact figures are available on the numbers of covers carried on the first flights out of Okinawa. The Northwest station manager estimated at the time that close to 500 covers were mailed by NWA to all points. Military government records show only 1316 pieces of airmail dispatched from Okinawa during the entire month of March 1948.

(To be concluded)



EXHIBITION DATES

Jan. 20-23—MANPEX 1960, Manchester Philatelic Society, Sears Roebuck Garden Shop, West Middle Turnpike, Manchester, Conn.
Jan. 29-30—Springfield Delco Stamp Club, Township Bldg., Springfield, Pa.
Jan. 30-31—Cleveland Stamp Club, Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio.
Feb. 13-14—Florida Precancel Round-Up, Marion Hotel, Ocala, Fla. Florida Precancel Club, host.
Feb. 13-14—Centerville Stamp Club High School, Centerville, Ind.
Feb. 20-21—Springfield Stamp Society, Hotel Bancroft, Springfield, Ohio.
Feb. 27-28—Michigan Stamp Club and Detroit Precancel Round-Up, Ft. Wayne Hotel, Detroit, Mich.
Feb. 27-28—Stanislaus Stamp Club and Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, Modesto Irrigation Bldg., Modesto, Calif.

the following surcharged airmail stamps: 9c on 15y., 14c on 20y., 19c on 35y., 27c on 45y., and 35c on 60y. The basic airmails were first issued August 1, 1957. The Philatelic Agency announced the first day of sale as December 20, 1959. This set is expected to be replaced soon by a definitive set.

In addition to the postage stamps, the currency change necessitated action on other postal paper. Cash remittance envelopes were first surcharged 3c on 3s. and later printed anew with a 3c value. The Ryukyus-Japan postal reply coupon was reissued in a 4c value.

A provisional Ryukyus revenue set in U. S. currency was printed locally and issued. It was used up quickly and a new set was printed in Japan. For the March 1959 Legislature elections, a yellow election card was issued.

Numismatically, the introduction of regular American coins and paper money throughout the Ryukyu Islands was an innovation indeed, but there is little to talk about. In April 1958 U. S. military personnel were instructed to cease the use of military purchase certificates and to use ordinary U. S. currency at all military facilities. Ryukyuan continued to use U. S. military B-yen. In September 1958, Ryukyuan ceased to use B-yen and also began to use regular U. S. currency.

Mar. 4-6—VAPEX, American Philatelic Society spring meeting, Hotel John Marshall, Richmond, Va. Richmond Stamp Club Chapter 218, host.
March 4-6—POLPEX 1960, Polonus Society, Polish Roman Catholic Union Museum, 994 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.
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During the time only two editors have headed up its publication. William Walters was the first, with L. E. Van Reeth succeeding him in December 1940. Throughout the quarter of a century just closed, many other able and willing RPS members have devoted their time and talents to make the publication highly successful.

The Straight-Edge has taken top honors in the Annual Society of Philatelic Americans branch publications contest in 1943, '45, '47, '50, '52, '54, '56, and '58. It took the "Hollow Tree" contest of 1945 which was conducted by a national magazine among U. S. and Canadian club publications.

The Roosevelt group meets on first and third Tuesdays at 1215 E. 83rd St., Chicago, Ill. Visitors are welcome.

Cleveland's Annual
Show January 30-31

The Cleveland Stamp Club has scheduled its 32nd annual exhibition and bourse for January 30-31 at the Hollenden Hotel, Superior Ave., and E. 6th St., Cleveland, Ohio. There will be 30 frames of guest exhibits in the Court of Honor.

Dr. Don H. Silsby of Springfield, Mo. will show 20 frames of 19th century United States stamps, one of the finest collections in the country. George Deuble of Canton, Ohio, will have ten frames of U. S. Revenue Stamps on display.

The individual members will exhibit stamps of Leeward Islands, Canada, United States, Philippines, Ryukyus, German Federal Republic, Famous Americans, Music on Stamps, and Sports on Stamps. The exhibition will be open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. January 30 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. January 31. Admission is free.

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Monthly meetings will be held at 2 p.m. on the last Saturday of each month, in Room 404, 86 E. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill., with none in December, July or August.

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